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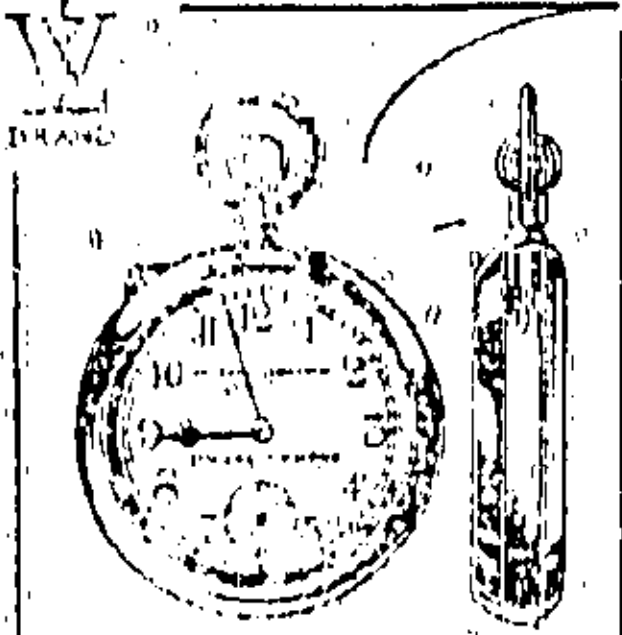
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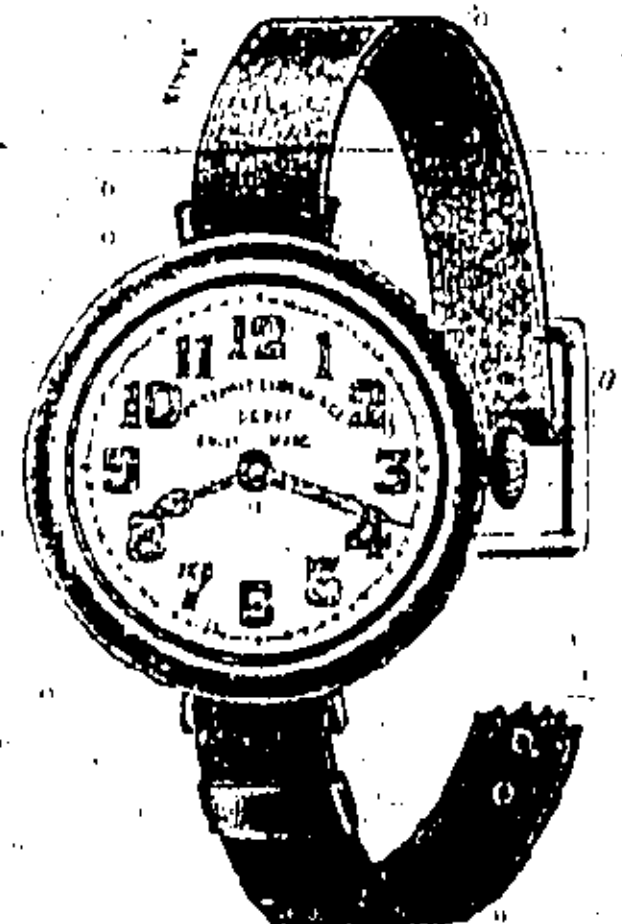
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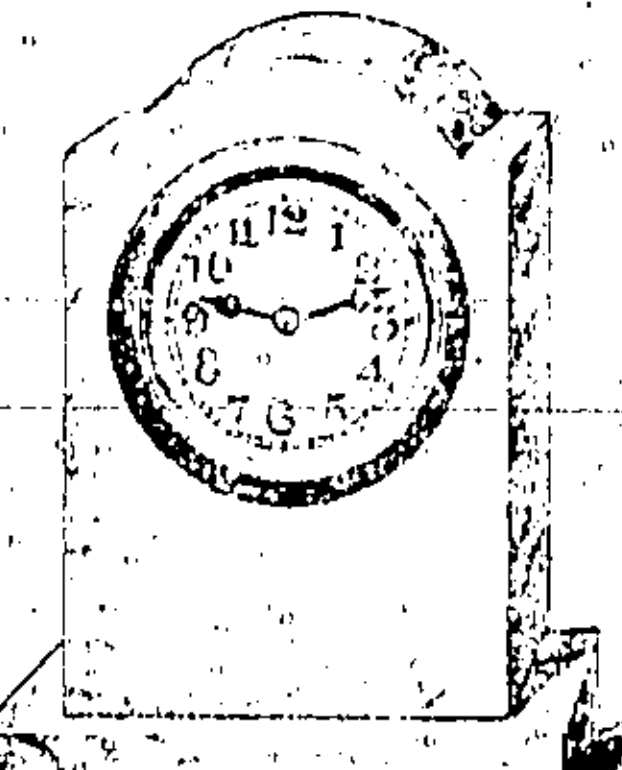
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NO "FUN"?

LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE.

WHY THERE IS NONE.

Not Enough "Work" To Do in Hongkong.

What about a local volunteer fire brigade to assist the "regulars" who are now short in numbers?—asks a correspondent.

Well, as a matter of fact, none exists in the Colony of Hongkong. As far as can be gathered, there is still one survivor of a former volunteer force but it would not be incorrect to say that the Hongkong Volunteer Fire Brigade is a thing of the past.

The writer remembers the time—during the War—when this body was formed. What was lacking in actual strength of numbers was made up by enthusiasm. At that time, the regular Brigade had not been "reorganised." It consisted of part-time Europeans, all attached to the Police, under a trained man, and assisted by a more handful of Chinese firemen who did the manual work. When the change came, the Police firemen were "detached" and the present establishment was formed. Hardly anybody will question the assertion that the Brigade does not have an adequate personnel, especially in trained Europeans to do the directing. It will also be recalled that the Commission recently recommended a full-time Chief Officer, a position at present held by the Captain Superintendent of Police.

If memory is right, the Volunteer Brigade was formed because the Police were short of men who had left for active service. As members were transferred to other posts and conditions changed, so the numbers dwindled down. The only one left "on service" is, it is believed, Mr. R. Mein Austin, who acts as an officer with the "regulars" when there is a "second" or "home" call.

So much for the European volunteers. Shortly after the strike began last year, a Chinese force of volunteers was formed. Drill and training were taken up seriously but the movement has died a natural death. Most of the Chinese volunteers were smart, young men, the majority being athletes, but there was something which did not conduce to their "sticking it out." It is said that on the ground, the volunteers proved themselves efficient, but when it came to going up any height, the difficulty began. No insinuation is meant, but the matter was not a success.

Expert opinion is that there is not enough to do, to keep a foreign Volunteer Fire Brigade in Hongkong. We do not get enough fires—not that any more are desirable. In Shanghai, things are different. The International Settlement depended to a great extent on the volunteers at one time, when there were four companies. Then there were about 150 fires a year, and one did get some "fun" by joining. But round about 1917, the number of fires grew to such an extent that service became too heavy a call on one's time.

There was no hard and fast rule for attending calls. Nearly all the members lived in messes and were available together. During office hours, one resorted to discretion. If there was no pressure of work, or a non-Volunteer could carry on, one dashed out to respond to an alarm. But the increasing number of fires necessitated attendance on such a scale that the talpans stepped in.

Since then, the Shanghai (International Settlement) regular brigade has been enlarged. But a volunteer body is rendering useful service at present in the French Settlement, where there are two companies—one being of French citizens.

Hongkong has a Volunteer Defence Corps to assist the Army, if necessary; the Police Reserve has earned the gratitude of the community in two periods of stress; and a Volunteer Naval Reserve has been mooted and approved. Then there are St. John Ambulance Brigade, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, etc. Can the Volunteer Fire Brigade be re-established?

HAINAN RISING?

PRO-CHAN GENERAL MOVES AGAINST CANTON.

CANTON ANXIETY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, June 17.—There is grave anxiety in Government circles over reports from Hainan that a rebellion may break out there at any time, headed by General Tang Pun-yan, formerly pro-Chan commander on the island. Both King Chow and Ngai Chow are said to be generally disaffected, and the situation is held to be fraught with peril.

The Canton Government seems to have blundered in removing nearly 4,000 of General Li Chai-sum's troops from Hainan to the Northern battle front. This left less than 800 of Li's troops there to control the situation.

Pickets' Excesses. Since so many troops have been taken away, banditry and piracy have broken out with renewed force, and the people in the towns and villages are both terrorised and actively discontented. In addition, strikers and pickets are said to be greatly exceeding their authority on the island, and to be oppressing the people in various ways.

General Tang Pun-yan, eager for a return to power, has not been slow to make capital out of the situation, and to fan the anti-Government feeling.

Arms Concealed There.

Additional uneasiness is caused to the Government here by a belief that General Tang Pun-yan's adherents can be quickly and effectively armed. When Tang Pun-yan was finally defeated by Cantonese troops less than 40 per cent. of his arms and munitions were surrendered to the victors, and it is known that he and his followers have large stores of rifles, revolvers and munitions hidden on the island.

General Li Chai-sum has been urging the Government to let him return to Hainan with a portion of his soldiers, but consent to this has not been given because his forces are needed at the front.

[Note:—Hainan is the large island, to the south of Kwangtung and is a part of the province. It was the last pro-Chan territory to fall into Kuomintang hands when General Chan Kwing-ming's followers were routed last year.]

OBITUARY.

REV. MOTHER SUPERIOR FELICE.

FUNERAL TO-DAY.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of the Rev. Mother Superior Felice, of the French Convent, Causeway Bay, who had a record of unselfish devotion and of tireless energy in fulfilling duties in connection with the love and devotion of all who came into contact with her.

News of her death came as a great shock to her many friends and admirers among the Catholic community and elsewhere for the deceased lady had been in the best of health yesterday morning. She succumbed to a sudden attack of apoplexy, passing away about half past eight in the evening.

It was in 1891 that the Rev. Mother Felice came to Hongkong as Mother Superior and she has ably and gracefully filled that position since, having had the pleasure of watching the growth of the Institution, and of its valued work. Since her time, the Convent removed from the premises in Wan-chai to the present commodious building.

The funeral is to take place this (Saturday) evening, passing the Monument at 5.30.

The name of Mr. Tsang Fuk-cho, E.M., B.S. (Hongkong) has been added to the Register of Medical Practitioners entitled to practise medicine in this Colony.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has ordered that the Christian Chinese Cemetery, Kowloon City, known as New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 16, shall be closed from and after July 1.

C.S.P. PROSECUTES.

OLD WOMAN "A PIRATE AND ROVER."

HONGKONG CLUB DOOR.

News vendor Who Wants To Be Run Over.

Described by the local head of police as a "pirate," and by a police magistrate as a "rover," an old woman who is licensed to hawk newspapers was prosecuted this morning for causing an obstruction in Jackson Road, near the Hongkong Club; she was fined \$3.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent, told His Worship (Major C. Willson) that it was his own case.

When asked to plead, the defendant made a statement to this effect: I was standing near the Club door when a customer beckoned to me from the door of the Hongkong Cricket Club. I was crossing the road to deliver a paper when the C.S.P. came along in his car and told me that I was obstructing.

This statement he denied, said Mr. Wolfe. He was prepared to go into the box and say that no customer was in sight.

Continuing, the C.S.P. stated that the woman "persistently sells in the middle of the road, in danger of being run over." On Thursday was the second occasion on which his car had practically run into her and he decided to bring her before the Court.

Mr. Wolfe remarks that the woman was a "pirate." (Laughter). There were two others who sat at the entrance to the (Club) door and were perfectly harmless. Defendant's pitch was at the "Star" Ferry wharf and she wandered over towards the Club.

His Worship: Oh, then she is a "rover." After explaining the matter, His Worship imposed the fine of \$3 and told defendant that if she obstructed again, her licence may be cancelled.

POLICE OPEN FIRE.

LAUNCH PASSENGER KILLED.

Meagre details to hand indicate that because a passenger steam-launch failed to stop in response to a challenge by the Water Police, the vessel was fired at and one man on board was killed.

The man's name is given as Lam Cheung-lan and he is described as a pig dealer. When the launch did not slow down, the Police opened fire. He expired later and his body was removed to the mortuary.

RADIO-TELEGRAMS.

Notice is given that the rate for radio-telegrams exchanged between Indo-China and Hongkong is as follows:—

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow the Observatory's weather forecast reads:—East, or variable winds, moderate; generally overcast.

A memorial of re-entry by the Crown on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1783 has been registered according to law.

Alterations in house numbers in Nathan Road (525 to 700), Jordan Road, and Ying Fai Terrace, are notified in the "Government Gazette."

After falling 16 feet, a Taikoo fitter had the base of his skull fractured and was removed to hospital. He slipped while working on a wooden support on board a ship.

CANTON CUSTOMS.

100 MEN SAID TO HAVE JOINED UNION.

LABOUR PEACE MOVE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, June 17.—It was revealed to-day that nearly a hundred of the employees of the Chinese Maritime Customs here have joined the new union in spite of the announcement of Colonel F. Hayley Bell, Commissioner of Customs, that men who join the unions will be dismissed.

Lai Tong-ming, an old Customs employee, is said to be the head of the new union.

One unusual clause in the charter of the new union is one which prescribes that the organisation shall never call a strike without permission of the Nationalist Government and the Central Kuomintang.

The Central Union of Mechanics of Honan selected Kao Ping-po and Wong Woon-ting as delegates to go to Hongkong and confer with merchants over terms for calling off the boycott. Then an unfounded rumour reached the Union that Hongkong had refused to negotiate, so the appointment was officially cancelled. Tomorrow, however, the same men will be re-named as delegates.

The Secretary of the Central Kuomintang has notified all Government organisations that a meeting will be held to-morrow at the Kuomintang headquarters to make detailed plans for memorial services to be held on Shakes on June 23 in memory of the Chinese killed there a year ago.

The new Canton wireless station is now equipped and ready to handle messages to and from Hongkong. Feng Kwei-leung, director of the Wireless Telegraph Bureau, announces that the rate for commercial messages to Hongkong will be 30 cents a word, while 20 cents a word will pay for messages to Shui-chow, Vuchow, Kongmoon and Shuihing.

NEAR THE RAPIDS.

SHARY POSITION OF GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

EXCITED CONJECTURE.

Berlin, June 18.—Whether the German baroque will successfully negotiate the rapids in the next few days is at present the topic of anxious and excited conjecture with the approach of the referendum on Sunday on the subject of the dispropriation of ex-Rulers' property.

Public ferment is ventilated by monster demonstrations, in which prominence is given to banners suggesting that the protagonists interpret the struggle as Monarchy versus Republic.

Dr. Stresemann, interviewed by Reuter, ridiculed such a contention,



Dr. Stresemann.

but pointed out that whereas the plebiscite move by the Socialists and Communists favour dispossession of the ex-Rulers without compensation, he declared that the Government had prepared a compromise Bill making a distinct difference between State and private property, leaving the ex-Rulers a certain amount of private property.

Government circles are confident that the requisite 19,500,000 votes will not be obtained for confiscation, though should these calculations be falsified the consequences would be most disastrous since the Hindenburg Government would resign and the Federal States, notably Bavaria, would refuse to carry out the confiscation, and the result would be chaos.

IN TRUE COLOURS.

GEN. CHANG REORGANISES CANTON.

SUN YAT-SEN'S TITLE.

Power to Make Him Absolute Dictator.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, June 17.—To-day General Chang Kai-shek spread consternation in the ranks of the Kuomintang. He calmly announced a new organisation of Military Council which will give him absolute and personal control of both the Army and the Navy, and, moreover, he assumed the title of Generalissimo (once held by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen).

Chang Kai-shek's reorganisation of army control provides for a strong "headquarters Political Department," which will include a military court. There will also be a Central Bureau of Advisers, and twelve subsidiary offices.

Plan in Detail.

The scheme provides for a secretariat for headquarters, a staff chief, a bureau to handle all affairs pertaining to captains and lieutenants, a military stations office, a conservation department, a military-legal-affairs bureau, a Navy office, an Aviation office, a conscription board, and a department of munitions.

General Chang has personally chosen the men to fill all of these positions. He will perfunctorily secure the approval of the Political Committee, but that approval is a foregone conclusion for the Committee does not dare to oppose even this final move which will place the Chekiang commander and his friends from the North in complete control of the military and naval forces of Kwangtung.

In Late Chief's Quarters.

Chang also announced to-day that he will at once remodel the Cement Works across the river from Canton, and move his headquarters staff there. This is the place which was for long the headquarters of the late Dr. Sun.

After a period of intensive military and political training the 20th division was reviewed yesterday by General Chang Kai-shek and General Ho Yin-chin, and then left for the Northern front to-day, going by rail to Shui-kwan.

Other Items.

Permission of the Military Council has been obtained by Chief of Police Li Cheung-tat for the immediate formation of a Peace Maintenance Corps, which will really be a large auxiliary to the police force. The Military Council will supply arms and ammunition for the new corps which will be enlisted from regiments of soldiers stationed in the North River districts.

The Red Cross has begun a canvass of medicine shops and dispensaries in Canton, asking for donations of medical and surgical supplies for use in hospitals at the Northern front.

LICENSING COURT.

A meeting of the Licensing Board will be held in the Council Chamber on Saturday, June 26, at noon, for the purpose of considering the following application under the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911:—

From Joseph Louis Durand for a publican's licence to retail intoxicating liquors at the premises situated at No. 12, Pedder Street (Pedder Building) under the sign "Cafe Restaurant Parisien."

NAVAL YARD COLLISION.

A collision between a motor-car and a public ricksha occurred yesterday near the Naval Yard main gate. The car was driven by Mrs. Chater, wife of Surgeon Captain Chater, R.N. The ricksha tried to get across and was damaged.

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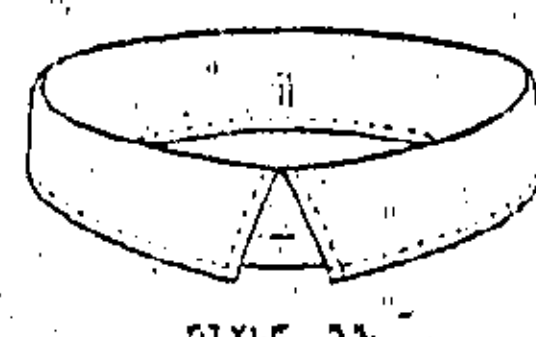
TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

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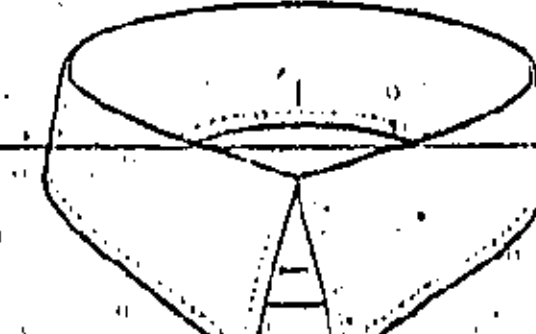
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NOTICES.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex, on MONDAY, 21st June, 1926, at 6.15 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th June, 1926.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

1.—Will holders of bathing matched permits kindly send in to the undersigned, on or before the 23rd day of June, 1926, answers to the following questions:—

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b. To what extent is your bathing matched?
c. If you have more than one bathing matched, please fill in answers to the above questions in regard to each of your matchings.

2. Would members of the public kindly favour the Bathing Beaches Committee with any suggestions they may have to offer for the improvement of bathing facilities in the Colony at existing bathing beaches?

Will they also suggest additional bathing beaches and any schemes for developing the same?

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COLONY'S EARLIER DAYS.

Interesting Impressions of An ex-Governor.

Sir William Des Vaux's autobiography, from which we have recently given extracts, contains a photograph of the Praya Reclamation of the late 'eighties and early 'nineties of last century, showing Queen's Building completed, but its Western end, where St. George's Building now stands) faced an artificial bay formed by the temporary end of the Reclamation. The story of this great enterprise, as related by Sir William, is well worth repeating. He remarks that the scheme "owed its conception to the fertile brain of Mr. (the late Sir Paul) Chater, and the careful elaboration of its details principally to Mr. Price." It early elicited Sir William's interest because he saw that among many other advantages it promised to be a powerful factor in relieving the overcrowding in the Chinese quarter about which he was deeply concerned. The Praya Reclamation scheme is thus described in Sir William's Blue Book report, dated October 31, 1889:—

Reclamation Facts.
"The Praya Reclamation Ordinance, 1889, is a measure for facilitating a great scheme of reclamation along the whole of the western front of the town of Victoria, extending for 3,051 yards. By this project fifty-seven acres will be added to the town, including a praya or esplanade seventy feet wide, together with other streets of an aggregate length of 5,518 yards. The cost, estimated at \$2,921,365, is to be defrayed by the proprietors (including the Government) of the land now facing the sea, who will in turn receive reclaimed land opposite to their frontage. As the profits on the work are expected to be large, it is probable that the great majority of the frontage proprietors will accept the terms offered. In the case of dissentients, the expense of carrying out that portion of the work in which they decline to participate, will fall upon the Government."

"Though it is hoped that the Public Treasury will gain largely by the work (1) from the difference between the cost of reclamation and the value of such reclaimed land as will belong to the Crown, (2) from the building sites which will be rendered available at the west end of the town by the removal of earth required for the reclamation, and (3) in rents and rates from the large area added to the town, the principal objects of the scheme were (1) to afford an opening for relief from the present overcrowding of the population, (2) to bring the front of the town in immediate juxtaposition with deep water in place of the present silted-up foreshore, which is often extremely noxious, and (3) to improve the appearance and increase the mercantile convenience of the town front by the provision of better buildings and of a wider praya, more adapted to the wants of a vast and growing commerce."

Sir Paul Chater's Part.

"The carrying out of this great scheme, which is due to the initiative of the Honourable Mr. C. R. Chater, does not appear likely to present any serious engineering problems, and the successful solution of such as there are may be regarded as only a question of time. The principal difficulties are in connection with the financial arrangements and the due adjustment of private interests and claims. This portion of the subject, which has already occasioned much consideration and a large correspondence, is likely to require the careful attention of the Government for some time to come. But while it cannot be expected that all concerned will be completely satisfied, nor that during the progress of the work there will be an entire absence of complaints on the score of inconvenience, I do not permit myself to entertain a doubt that when the whole is completed the undertaking will be universally regarded as having been a great and lasting benefit to the community."

Sir William adds the following interesting particulars:—

"Needless to say, before the scheme, which was legalised by Ordinance, was offered for consideration by the Legislature various objections had to be answered and many difficulties overcome. Without entering into uninteresting detail, I may mention that as the foreshore proved to be of very varying depth, a careful survey of the bottom, which occupied several months, had to be made with a view to the fair apportionment of the cost of the work between the frontage owners.

Then settlements had to be made with these owners collectively, as also with the proprietors of wharves requiring to be removed, while a clear definition had to be arrived at, on which opinions were at first by no means unanimous, as to the share of the cost to be undertaken by the Colony.

"At length, however, all obstacles being overcome, the Ordinance passed the Council without dissent, and received the sanction of the Secretary of State.

"Though I had time to organise the special staff required for the work, I was unfortunately not present at its commencement. For being compelled by ill-health to leave the Colony early in 1890, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught laid the first stone in my absence. His Royal Highness, however, graciously accorded me such compensation as was possible by acknowledging the part 'I had taken in promoting the enterprise and by naming after me the old praya, (the road then fronting the harbour). This, now having houses on both sides of it, is the principal street in the town, and boasts property which is probably of much greater value than any equal area in the East."

Then And Now.
"I am told that almost the whole reclamation is now (Sir William's book was published in 1903) covered with buildings—many of them very fine ones—that the land upon it is worth from ten to twenty-five dollars per square foot, and that yet rents in the rest of the town have not only fallen, as was anticipated by some of the objectors, but have risen. The flow of immigration from China must therefore have continued, as I anticipated; and when it is considered what, under these circumstances, must have been the overcrowding but for this addition to the area of the town, and how great a benefit the reclamation has thus been to the community, one is reconciled to the enormous profit derived by private owners, which, I suspect, has been nearer to two millions sterling than to the amount originally estimated."

"The above enterprise, though I devoted much labour to furthering it, and may claim some credit for securing general assent to it and the approval of the Secretary of State, I should be doing injustice if I did not largely attribute to Mr. Chater, who not only devised it, but his suggestions and his tactful dealing with objectors had the chief part in obtaining the unanimous adherence of the owners interested."

[To be continued.]

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on June 1926.
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL

	1925	1926
Tytam	39.8 B.	18.5 B.
Tytam Byewash	23.9 B.	17.4 B.
Tytam Intermediate	14.10 B.	Level.
Tytam Tuk	40.4 B.	23.8 B.
Wong Nai Chung	40.6 B.	21.10 B.
Pokfulum	25.5 B.	20.6 B.
[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow," figures are not in feet and decimals, but in feet and inches.]		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	1925	1926
Tytam	128.45	246.95
Tytam Byewash	1.17	4.27
Tytam Intermediate	122.92	195.90
Tytam Tuk	620.88	744.68
Wong Nai Chung	6.93	88.4
Pokfulum	14.70	23.60
Total	893.98	1,222.64

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of May.

	1925	1926
Consumption	287.45	264.95
Estimated population 301,280	401,600	
Consumption per head per day (gallons)	23.7	21.1
Constant Supply in the Rider Main Districts during May 1925 exceeding the Rider Main Districts West of Garden Road to which an Interim Supply was given from 25th May.		
Constant Supply in all Rider Main Districts during May 1925.		

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	24.6 B.	5.11 B.
Shak Lai Pui Reservoir	Under construction	10.11 B.
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	140.35	203.60
Shak Lai Pui Reservoir	Under construction	28.63
Total	228.32	

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of May.

	1925	1926
Consumption	70.85	72.98
Estimated population 150,160	155,200	
Consumption per head per day (gallons)	17.2	15.1
Full Supply in all districts during May 1925 and 1926.		
The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.		
Total Rainfall to 31st May 23.52 in. in 1925 and 30.35 in. in 1926.		
H. T. CREASY, Water Authority.		

Public Works Department.

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SAN FERNANDO SHOOTING.

THE GOVERNOR WILL URGE SEVERE PUNISHMENT.

Manila, June 12.—The San Fernando shooting affray, in which the Constabulary detachment played a prominent part, may culminate to an executive action by the governor general. It was learned at Malacanan on Friday, Governor General Wood, in an interview, declared that he would recommend the most severe punishment within the provisions of the law for those who may be found guilty of the charges.

It is understood that the chief executive became aware of the seriousness of the San Fernando affair from the report submitted by Colonel Langhorn, a ranking member of his staff, and Assistant Attorney General Montemayor who investigated the case in behalf of the governor.

Probe Completed.

San Fernando, June 11.—With Lieutenant Juban testifying last, the investigation of the constabulary officers and soldiers here in connection with the shooting affray on May 23 came to a close early last evening. The probe was conducted by a board of officers composed of Colonel Francisco, Colonel Valdez, Major Gallardo, and Captain Sison, who were appointed by General Crame.

The officers will meet again for the last time to draw up the recommendations they will make to General Crame based on their findings during three weeks of continuous investigation.

It is believed that several of the soldiers who are now in the barracks will be dealt with severely by leaving their quarters on the night of the affray. The rest will be transferred to other places.

Poor Judgment.

Though the board failed to find any evidence that the officers were not on duty on the night of the shooting, yet a ranking officer of the constabulary sent to investigate the case opined that the absence of both from the barracks at the same time showed extremely poor judgment. The Intramuros tragedy should have taught them to leave at least one officer in charge of the detachment, he explained.

The final report of the board will be submitted to General Crame within a week. Colonel Francisco left this afternoon for Manila to prepare his report. Major Gallardo and Captain Sison left for Nueva Celia and Tarlac, respectively, this morning.

The preliminary investigation of the 14 soldiers, which was scheduled for next Monday, may not be held at all in view of the lack of sufficient evidence against them. Attorney Montemayor of the bureau of justice arrived here today to confer with the provincial fiscals regarding the final action to be taken against the 14 soldiers.

Baluyot Testifies.

Unconfirmed reports to-day were to the effect that the complaint against Sergeant Amador, who is among the 11 soldiers now facing criminal charges, had been withdrawn. Sergeant Amador is charged with having ordered the soldiers to use their guns on the night of the affray.

Before the board of officers Governor Baluyot aired his grievances against the constabulary, placing the blame on the part of the officers for the tragedy.

In an interview to-day, Governor Baluyot expressed his hope that the whole force will be removed from San Fernando. "If the central office desires to keep the constabulary out of the province, so much the better. Pamanga is a peaceful place, and the people are so peace loving that there is no need for the constabulary here," he said.

Six constabulary officers contributed P30 for the widows of the policemen who were killed during the shooting affray. Contributions are pouring in from the widows of the victims.

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"KARNATA"	8,123	4th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,063	11th Oct.	Marseilles & London
"DELTA"	8,907	18th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"TANDA"	8,956	20th July	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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"MALWA"	10,941	31st Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	8,144	34th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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MARINE MISHAP. STRANDING OF THE OTRANTO.

London, May 14.

A special correspondent of the Australian Press Association has sent from Athens the first detailed story of the mishap to the steamer "Otranto."

While the passengers were at dinner on Tuesday evening there was a tremendous impact, food and crockery being hurled from the tables, and passengers thrown from their seats. The vessel had run on a rocky promontory at Cape Matapan (Greece). The engines were reversed instantly, and the passengers took shelter under the saloon beams to avoid the glass which fell from the dome. There was no panic.

An examination of the vessel disclosed no discernible damage below the water line, but the bow was crumpled up as far as the bulk heads, and both of the anchors were wedged in and twisted. When the vessel arrived in Phaleron Bay she could not anchor, and she cruised around slowly all night.

Half of the passengers availed themselves of the option of landing in Athens, and returning. The others are proceeding to Southampton in the "Otranto," which is being patched up at Salamis.

The damage is estimated at £30,000. It is said that the ship's course was set in accordance with the usual south-setting current off Cape Matapan but on Tuesday the current, freshish, set northwards. Sir Alan G. Anderson (of the "Otranto") was among the passengers.

NEW LIGHTSHIP.

What was the biggest seagoing vessel ever launched in Burma, and possibly the biggest of any kind yet built in Burma was launched on May 15, at the Government dockyard. The new vessel is the "Thibaw," the new lightship destined for China-Bakir shoal. If not the longest it is certainly the deepest. It is to be fitted with a 50,000 candle power light, which places it amongst the most powerful in the world. Though only visible at 10 or 11 miles owing to its height, the light is powerful enough to pierce almost any kind of thick weather that may be prevailing. Built in England it was reconstructed at the Government dockyard and was launched, as stated, on May 15. It is hoped to have it in position by the end of this month.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Alipore" left Singapore for this port on June 13 at 3 p.m. and is due here to-day.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kidderepo" is due here from Shanghai on Monday at about 5 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Manila yesterday at 8.30 a.m. leaves Manila to-day at 4 p.m. and is due at Hongkong on Monday at 6 a.m.

The E. I. s.s. "Tilawa" left Singapore for this port on June 17 at p.m. and is due here on Tuesday morning.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on June 10, and is due here on June 23.

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THE RENTS POSITION.

Whatever views may be held as to the desirability or otherwise of removal of rent control the desirability of an early announcement being made as to the Government's attitude in view of the petitions presented had become increasingly evident as June 30 approached. Contrary to expectations, nothing was mentioned in the official statement as to a Fair Rents Board which figured in the K.R.A. referendum papers and in favour of which (in the event of restriction being dropped) an overwhelming majority of answers decided. The view had been put forward that without breaking faith with the landlords, the institution of such a tribunal, composed of representatives of tenant and landlord interests, with expert advice from such as architects, and executive power given it to enforce its findings, would be the medium through which a fair rent for any particular house or type of house might be estimated without expensive litigation. Other than the fact that members of the Legislative Council were present and that the decision of the Executive Council was unanimous, we have nothing to indicate as to whether the institution of a Fair Rents Board was even considered. Whether or not, as has been claimed for the landlord interests, economic factors of supply and demand bear on the question in a different way than they did at the time the Ordinance came into being, the fact remain that rentals in the Colony are still unwarrantably high and have a direct and immediate effect on the cost of living. Such flats as are being offered at comparative low rates by reason of the haste with which they were erected in the property boom are seldom of the type suitable for occupation by those whose need is most acute—whether, with the removal of restriction, more suitable dwelling houses will be erected is a matter for conjecture, but if they could not be erected on a paying basis during the continuation of the Rents Ordinance it is difficult to see how capital will be attracted unless it is anticipated that rents will be increased. Any increases on the present prevailing rates cannot be countenanced, in fact, it is difficult to see how any but a few could afford to pay them; the present prices are already

such that young married couples are being driven to a boarding house life which is not conducive to the atmosphere most suited for family life. However, anticipations of possible increases may be without foundation; that remains to be seen. In the meantime, the institution of a Fair Rents Board would do much to engender confidence of protection, not only against landlords, but in respect of those principal tenants who reap a golden harvest by sub-letting and in respect of whom tenants have no protection other than the inconvenient one of finding a landlord or principal tenant with higher notions of fair play.

VALEDICTORY.

MR. AND MRS. H. J. STANLEY.

C.S.C.C. PRESENTATION.

Mr. H. J. Stanley, who has been a member of the Civil Service Cricket Club for the past thirteen years was yesterday presented with a parting gift from his fellow members on the occasion of his retirement and pending departure for Home.

Mrs. Stanley, who has taken a considerable interest in the social activities of the Club, was also the recipient of a present.

Mr. P. T. Lamble (Chairman of the Club Committee) made the presentation to Mr. Stanley of an inscribed blackwood writing desk and referred to Mr. Stanley's active connection with the Club, particularly his able services as Secretary of the Club for a considerable period. Mr. Stanley had been twice Chairman of the Committee and had taken the keenest interest in the various activities of the Club, especially in connection with the Bowls section. The Club was losing a worthy member and he was sure all present would wish him and Mrs. Stanley the greatest joy in their retirement.

Mr. B. Maughan, on behalf of the bachelor members of the Club, presented Mrs. Stanley with a silver vase. Mrs. Stanley had been mainly responsible for the success of the annual Christmas Tree distribution and many other social functions, he said. Without the ladies, the committee would frequently be in grave difficulties, he added, and therefore the departure of Mrs. Stanley would be a loss not easily remedied.

Mr. Stanley, replying for both, in a happy speech dwelt on the good times he had spent in Hongkong at the Civil Service Cricket Club. The splendid gifts which he and Mrs. Stanley had received would ever serve to remind them of the good times and the good friends of Hongkong.

The proceedings concluded with the singing of "They are jolly good fellows," and the drinking of the health of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley leave for Home next Saturday by the S.S. "Mantua."

On Thursday afternoon the Fire Brigade had to deal with a fire at Anton Street. It was found that the blaze, which was confined to the chimney of Nos. 8 and 10, had been put out by the inmates.

The effect of chronic opium smoking was stated yesterday at a death inquiry to have led to the death of a prisoner who had been transferred to the Government Civil Hospital. The offence for which he had been sent to prison had been concerned with opium traffic. A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HISTORIC MACAO.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—As a Britisher it seems, in my opinion, a matter of regret that certain statements affecting our neighbouring colony, Macao, should have been allowed ventilation in the local Press. Any sympathy we have for Macao and her difficulties in the present situation would best be served by at least refraining from giving free publication to items likely to embarrass that Colony. Not enough has been said of the practical assistance and sympathy contributed by local Portuguese and their brethren in Macao during the recent and previous strikes and though it is late in the day some gesture could be made which would do more to engender a similar display on their part (should further difficulties arise here) than by encouraging those who disagree with what they consider a wrong method of government.

It should be remembered that Macao is the oldest colony in the East and long served as a place of refuge to Britishers and other nationalities in years gone by; it is within the memory of living men that Macao was the main port for goods to and from China. The fact that trade has declined there is mainly due to the development of Hongkong and I believe most local Britishers appreciate the efforts Macao is now making in attempting to build a harbour which will once again make it an important port and enable revenues from trade alone to make the colony self-supporting, thus making possible the removal of the "fan-tan" monopoly. At the same time it is well to realise that many of us are only too pleased to have an occasional "flutter" and it is hardly sportsmanlike to make statements derogatory to the little colony.

We hear very few reflections, if any, against Monte Carlo, a place which lives exclusively on profits derived from the games of chance;

not only that but people of perception add the little principle by travelling far to participate thus showing their practical appreciation.

The present Governor in Macao, a man of considerable intelligence and attainments, has shown himself ever on the alert to make improvements. Regarding the statement that Macao should be put under international control it is on a par with a Hongkong Britisher stating publicly in the Macao newspapers that Hongkong should be made into an international port because we have had difficulties, not of our choosing, within the last year. The possibility of any Britisher either in Hongkong or elsewhere making such a statement is so remote that it seems an absurdity to mention this. Saklatvala, the one time member for Battersea, does certainly give vent to rabid remarks occasionally which his followers deplore but even so it is difficult to imagine him making such a statement as that referred to in this paragraph.

Thanking you for the courtesy of inserting this letter and enclosing my card,

Yours, etc.,

Hongkong, June 19.

J. E. OLLERTON.

TO MARINERS.

The Harbour Master reports in the "Government Gazette" that the master of the s.s. "Chenai" reports that he passed a waterlogged junk off E. Nine-pine bearing N. 7 degrees E. (True) 2 miles at 7 p.m. on 11th instant. It is dangerous to navigation.

The name of the International Petroleum Company, Limited, has been struck off the Register of Companies.

The master of the s.s. "Adolf Von Baeyer" reports that on 15th instant he passed a wrecked junk Lat. 22 degrees 17 in. N. Long 114 degrees 57 in. E. It is dangerous to navigation.

EUROPEAN SUED.

BY CANYASSER FOR HOUSE BOARDS.

Dr. H. G. Miller, of Miller House, Cameron Road, Kowloon, was defendant in a Summary Court case yesterday, when C. J. Gandall sued for \$60.

Plaintiff's contention was that Dr. Miller employed him to canvass ships in port for boarders at the boarding house kept by defendant and he had been dismissed without notice.

Defendant maintained that he gave verbal notice, that his wife made an entry in the diary and would give evidence if needed, that plaintiff was given a month's salary, and that a receipt for same was signed by plaintiff's wife.

Gandall then asked leave to amend his writ and add a claim for \$260, for five months' board and lodging which—so he said—he was to have got but did not get.

Mr. Justice J. R. Wood put the case back till Thursday and told Gandall to issue another writ.

PRISONER'S DEATH.

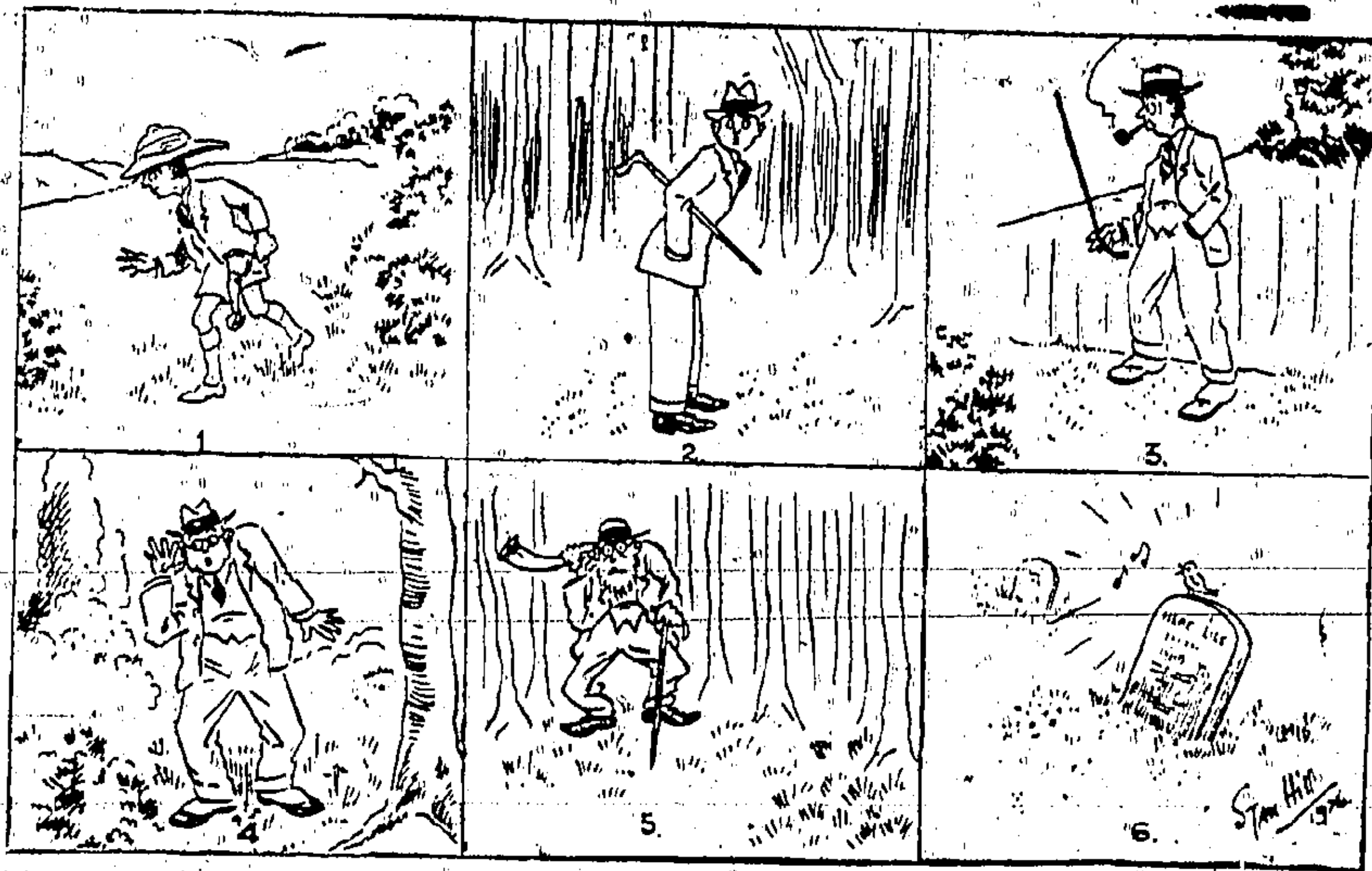
An habitual opium smoker, a Chinese (35 years of age), died, on Thursday, from tuberculosis, while serving a sentence of six months' hard labour, in default of a fine of \$43,700, for smuggling opium. He was convicted on March 22 of this year. A verdict of death from natural causes was returned at a Coroner's inquest held yesterday.

PROPERTY MARKET.

Nos. 139, 141, 143, Wanchai Road, were sold by auction yesterday for \$30,600 to a Chinese lady. Details: 1,837 sq. ft.; Crown rent \$32; upset price \$10,000. Bidding was very brisk.

No. 5, Hill Road should have been put up for sale yesterday but the property was withdrawn.

THE STORY OF THE MAN WHO TRIED TO FIND THE RAINBOW.



THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

MAN'S GOAL AND THE ADEPTS.

At this week's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge Theosophical Society, Mr. H. E. Laneport gave an address on "Man's Goal and the Adepts." He said in brief: There is a stage in human evolution where man, as man, has nothing more to accomplish having learnt all this earth can teach. All the great religions teach the possible perfection of man, holding up the same ideal of a Man made Perfect; although the names are different, yet ever the same idea is beneath it—He is Mithra, Zarathustra, Osiris, Krishna, Buddha, Christ, but He ever symbolises the Man made Perfect. Every religion proclaims Him. He is the ideal towards which every great religion strives, and each religion fulfils effectively its mission according to the clearness with which it illumines, and the precision with which it teaches the road whereby He may be reached. The Christ in Christendom is the name of a state, more than the name of a man "The Christ in you." "Till the Christ be formed within you." All Men, in the long course of evolution, reach the Christ, the Buddha, the Krishna state; all the sons of men can accomplish what Sons of Man have accomplished, and we see in Them the pledge of our own triumph, and the development of like divinity in us is but a question of evolution. By the Law immutable, by Truth unswerving, by the endless Life and God, we know that all divinity is within us, and that though it is now but little evolved, all is there of His infinite capacity, for the uplifting of the world, in every son of the One Father. And the ex-

istence of Perfected Men, Masters, the Elder Brothers of Humanity, Who have trod the shorter, steeper Path, and have become perfected far in advance of the bulk of struggling humanity, is a natural necessity in Evolution. By an Elder Brother Master we mean a liberated Spirit Who has transcended the illusion of separateness of life in forms, and has become one with the Father, the One Life. But He is not a coming down of God in human form, on the contrary, Masterhood is the result of a man's climbing up life after life, treading the Ancient Narrow Path of accelerated Perfection, until the God within Him has become manifest and shines out through Him, a man as you and I Who through hundreds of past lives has struggled and fought, a man Who has trodden the Path of Holiness step by step, Who has passed Initiation after Initiation and thus has finally transcended humanity, but remains in touch with the world of men in order to help others to tread the Path He has trodden, to become in their turn Perfect Men in Whom the unfolded Divine Spirit has burnt up the last trace of the unreal, of separation from God. In the History of all the great religions we find mention made of such Men in their sacred scriptures. And many of those who believe in Him in all the religions know that He is living in a physical human body to-day as in the past, and they all hold the belief that their Great Perfected Teacher may ever be reached by the earnest and devoted, and they acknowledge also the existence of that Ancient Narrow Path of accelerated Perfection, by which men may become divine, may reach perfection by the steeper, shorter road, though few there be that find it. This is taught and known amongst the Hindus and

Buddhists alike, amongst the Sufis, the Mohamedan Mystics, amongst the Zoroastrians, and the Roman Catholics, among Christians; teach the existence of that same Path of Perfection, by treading which Sainthood is attained. The only difference between the Theosophist and the followers of some other religions is that Theosophists believe in the Great Prophets and Founders of all religions, while these believe in their own Prophet and deny those of the religions to whom they do not belong. And Theosophists believe that such Perfected Men are still living on earth, and that men may climb to-day as men in the past have climbed and become Perfect; we believe that the Christ spoke no impossible thing when He said—"Be ye also perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect." There is far more evidence, available of the physical existence of the Masters to-day amongst men than men usually know. We are not orphans in a world bereft of God. The Masters are, we do not need to cry out and have no answer, we are not deserted in a desert, without a guide, without a friend. Every mystic will bear witness to this. And to bring about the communication of the soul of man with the Master, the Christ, the Buddha, the Shri Krishna, through the birth of the Christ, the Master, within, to bring about the birth of the Christ Child within the purified heart, and then to guide that earnest soul—the babe in the Buddha, the Master, the Christ—along the Ancient Narrow Path of accelerated Perfection, towards manifested Divinity, that is the object of every religion, and if it could be that this Mystic teaching could slip out of a faith, that faith could then no longer raise to divinity those who practise it—Contributed.

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AWARD TO PETTY OFFICER
IN CHINA.

ECHO OF DISTURBANCES.

London, June 18.

The medal of the Military Division of the British Empire Order has been awarded to Petty Officer R. M. Chalmers, of the warship "Parangula" in recognition of his services on June 23, 1925, during the disturbances in China.—Reuter's Service.

THE MOROS.

SEPARATION OF MINDANAO
FROM PHILIPPINES.

Washington, June 11.

Representative Robert Bacon of New York introduced a bill this afternoon which provides for the political separation of the Moro regions of Mindanao and Jolo from the territory under the jurisdiction of the Philippine government.

It is thought that the bill has the approval of the administration but is not likely to be passed at this session. The purpose of the bill is ostensibly to provide a separate government under permanent American protection, for the 800,000 Moros of the southern islands.—United Press.

Washington, June 12.

Senator Osmena declared that the Bacon Bill was an attempt to "dismember the Philippine nation in the interest of the great American rubber companies" and it would be accomplished only over the united opposition of 11,000,000 Filipinos.

"The Bacon project is nothing more than an attempt to break up our country and destroy our unity," said Senator Osmena in a statement filled with sharp criticism of the "group who are determined to wreck our national aspirations."

It is believed that the announcement of the measure came as a complete surprise to the Filipinos in Washington. Senator Osmena, Resident Commissioner Guevara and other members of the Filipino delegation immediately set about to learn the general sentiment of leading congressmen toward the bill.

"This bill," said Osmena, "is absolutely contrary to the well established policy of the United States in preserving the Philippines for the Filipinos. It is a violation of America's promise to grant us eventual independence. There is no justification for such a proposal. It is decidedly a backward step and the best interests of the Moros themselves would not be served by it. We are determined to fight to the finish."

Commissioner Guevara said that the idea back of the project was not new and had been discussed by the anti-independence group in Congress with greater and greater interest since the agitation for sources of raw materials under the American flag. He believed that Representative Bacon was led to introduce the measure at this time by the recent battles between the constabulary and the Moros of Lanao.—United Press.

Washington, June 12.

The Bacon bill introduced in the House yesterday providing for the separation of Mindanao and other Moro regions from the Philippine archipelago and making a separate government with a capital at Zamboanga, was denounced to-day by the Filipino delegation here as well as Senator King (Democrat, Utah).

Senator Osmena of the Philippines said he regarded the bill as an effort to prevent Philippine independence. Resident Commissioner Pedro Guevara, declared that the bill would exclude the Philippine government from the area adjacent to the lands capable of growing rubber.

Senator King asserted that the bill would establish a bureaucracy of Mindanao which was provided for Haiti, Guam and the Virgin Islands. He notified the House insular affairs committee that he would oppose the bill which was referred to that committee.—Associated Press.

Washington, June 11.

Complete separation of the Moro provinces of the Philippine Islands from the Manila government and their administration as a separate dependency was proposed in a new bill introduced in the House to-day by Representative Robert Bacon (Republican, New York).

The measure would give the Moros a commission form of government similar to that in existence before jurisdiction was handed over to the Philippine government. It would be headed by a governor to be appointed by the president of the United States with the approval of the Senate. The new capital would be at Zamboanga. Representative Bacon does not expect action on the bill this session.—Associated Press.

AVIATION NOVELTY.

STIRS BRITISH
INTEREST.

BRITISH "FLYING GUINEA PIG."

London, June 13.

England's latest aviation novelty, the "Flying Guinea Pig" so-called because it is an aeroplane without a tail has caught the popular interest more than any aviation developments since Cierva's flights last fall in his amazing "windmill" or "flying palm-tree" machine.

It is claimed for the new machine which has been invented by Captain G. T. R. Hill of the Royal Air Force that it is practically unshakable and crash-proof. It is driven by a pusher instead of the usual tractor propeller, and is powered with a two-cylinder air-cooled engine of 20 horse-power. The high speed of the machine is 70 miles an hour while the landing speed is 29 miles an hour. To date the new machine has made 21 successful flights and it has been found impossible so far to "stall" or "spin" the machine.

Great Britain's barn-yard aviation terminology now includes the following names for different types of machines: Windmill, Guinea Pig; Fly-Catcher; Snipe, Heron; Woodcock and Grebe.—United Press.

"DISGRACEFUL."

BILL FOR DIVISION OF THE
PHILIPPINES.

Washington, June 13.

Resident Commissioner Pedro Guevara declared to-day that the bill introduced by Representative Bacon for the political separation of Mindanao from the other Philippine islands, was "the most disgraceful proposal ever advanced in the House of Representatives."

He said that he was sure it did not represent the sentiment of the American people. He expressed deep resentment that the bill should have been introduced, in spite of the fact that there is admittedly little chance of its being actively considered at this session.

"The policy of dismembering our country," said Guevara, "is naturally the best and most efficient policy to follow if the purpose is to keep the Filipinos a subject people forever. It seems strange that Representative Bacon should be taking such a kindly interest in the Moros and is bent on separating them from the Christian Filipinos."

"Why does he not include the Igorotes who are also non-Christian? It is simply because the Moros happen to inhabit Mindanao which a land rich in possibilities for exploitation."

It is my firm conviction and I state it frankly, that Representative Bacon is not concerned with the happiness of the Moro people but with the happiness of the rubber people.—United Press.

ART WORKS MISSING.

SHANGHAI LADY'S REQUEST
FOR SEARCH.

San Francisco, June 13.

The Russian department of the Bank of Italy to-day began a search for a half-million-dollar collection of paintings, bronzes and precious stones which were exhibited here three years ago by the late Ivan Leonidovich Kalmykoff. The collection was supposed to be in the bank's vaults somewhere. The bank is acting upon the request of Mrs. Kattiska Meyer of Shanghai, sister of Kalmykoff, who was commissioned by the late Czar of Russia to collect for Russia. He was unable to return here and willed the collection to the City of San Francisco, but the will was not executed. The collection is claimed by Kalmykoff's nurse who said he made a verbal will before he died in Los Angeles last year.—Associated Press.

RUSH TO AMERICA.

EFFECT OF CRISIS IN
BRITAIN.

Washington, June 18.

Mr. Dubois, the Chief of the Visa Bureau, states that the coal strike in Great Britain has greatly increased the applications for entry to the United States, for which 93,000 stand against the quota of 34,000.

The present European quotas combined exceed the normal quotas by over a million.—Reuter's American Service.

HISTORIC VEHICLES.

TWO ARE FOUND IN
BERLIN.

USED BY HOHENZOLLERN.

Berlin, June 13.

Two historic carriages, which were used by the Hohenzollerns for gala occasions, have been discovered among a store of decrepit vehicles, salvaged by firemen from the burning shack of a Berlin cartwright.

One was the state coach, in which foreign monarchs visiting Berlin were carried through the Brandenburg Gate to formal receptions. The other carriage, until the war, had for 60 years been carrying Hohenzollern princes and princesses to their weddings.

Cartwright Falke, the present legal owner of these historic relics, bought them when, after the revolution, the royal stables in Berlin were sold out, lock, stock and barrel. Falke, a staunch monarchist, wanted to prevent the vehicles from being used for profane purposes and has since kept them hidden in his shack.—United Press.

BIRTH CONTROL.

FASCISM DECLARES WAR
AGAINST IT.

Rome, June 13.

Fascism has declared war on birth control.

Under Mussolini's direction, the government has created a commission, including the director-general of public health, the general chief of police, members of the supreme court and the nation's most renowned physicians, "to study and devise means of safeguarding Italian families from the snares of Malthusianism."

Luigi Fedezoni, Minister of the Interior, said in installing the new commission:

"Fortunately, the birth control theory has not many proselytes in Italy, nevertheless the government deems it opportune to offset the incipient propaganda tending to undermine the moral health of our country and exploit both individual and materialistic egotism."

"Italy considers the multiplication of births her maximum wealth, as well as the most powerful instrument of her expansion in the world."

"The government will do its utmost to stamp out birth control propaganda in those districts which are more susceptible to the influence of this foreign fashion.—United Press."

SHIPPING MISHAP.

ALL LIVES BELIEVED TO BE
LOST.

Seattle, June 14.

An unidentified Japanese vessel, thought to be either the "Erie Maru" or the "Erie Maru," is believed to have foundered with all on board, following a fire in the ship's hold. Wireless distress signals were received here for a brief period, after which the vessel failed to reply.

Because of the position given in the distress signals, Seattle steamship offices say it must be the "Erie Maru" or the "Havre Maru" belonging to the Osaka Kisen Kaisha.

Cordova, Alaska, June 14.

The naval radio station at Dutch Harbour reports that distress signals, apparently from a Japanese boat, were received intermittently for a short time, then ceased. The naval operator states that he was greatly hindered by the fact that other stations in Alaska refused to quit sending.—United Press.

PHILIPPINE CIGARS.

SALES IN AMERICA
INCREASING.

Washington, June 14.

Sales of Philippine cigars in all parts of the United States are increasing phenomenally according to the latest figures and estimates from the bureau of internal revenue. The final figures for May are expected to exceed those of April when a million more Philippine cigars were sold than in the same month last year.

During March, April and May, says the bureau's report, virtually every city of any size in the country made a special feature of Philippine cigars. Representatives of Philippine tobacco interests are in a national campaign to re-establish their products in the American market.

By advertising and window displays, the campaign was designed to impress the public with the variety of shapes and quality of Philippine cigars and the excellence of workmanship.—United Press.

COL. THOMPSON.

PHILIPPINES GOVERNORSHIP
NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Seattle, June 14.

Carmel Thompson arrived here to-day and completed arrangements to sail for the Philippines on Tuesday aboard the "President Grant." He expects to spend most of his time during the trip, reading books, congressional data and reports of previous missions with reference to the Philippine islands.

"I have extensive business interests in Ohio," in answer to the question asked by all newspaper reports, "and these require my presence at home. I could not accept the Governorship of the Philippines now or later even though I were ordered by the President to take it. I would be forced by circumstances to decline."

"There have been many false rumours in connection with this mission. Let me assure you it is being carried out with the full knowledge and support of Governor-General Wood in whom the President has complete confidence.—United Press."

AMERICAN CARS.

CONTROL SALE IN SEVILLA
REGION.

Madrid, June 9.

In the province of Sevilla half of the automobiles are of American manufacture. Seven years ago there were only 850 motor cars registered in Sevilla, whereas to-day there are 6,185. This is an average of 30 cars for each 1,000 inhabitants, the highest in Spain.

The province of Barcelona is next with 27 a 1,000 population, then Madrid with 24 a thousand. In the 49 provinces of Spain there are a total of 111,765 automobiles, which makes over 21,000 more than were registered a year ago.

Owing to the phenomenal increase in the general circulation of automobiles in Spain, the government is embarked on a programme of road building which will cost about \$76,000,000 before it is completed. The total mileage of roadways planned and under construction throughout Spain is slightly more than 4,000 miles.—United Press.

A TRIUMVIRATE.

GOVERNMENT CHANGES
IN PORTUGAL.

Lisbon, June 13.

Martial law has been proclaimed, and Senhor Cabeçadas agreed to resign the Premiership. Senhor Salazar has resigned the Finance Ministry in favour of General Cordes. Major Camara takes the Interior. Da Costa, Cordes and Camara form the triumvirate; other departments being run by under-secretaries.—Reuter's Service.

AVIATORS BARRED.

CROSSING THE KOREAN
STRAITS.

Tokyo, June 12.

Under the new aviation law for Korea, to be put into force in December, no civilian planes will be permitted to cross over the Korean strait, because so much of these waters are included in the strategic zones. Only army and navy fliers will be allowed to take this short cut from Korea to Japan or vice versa.—United Press.

THE SOUTH POLE.

TRIP BY OLD
WHALE.

Hull, England, June 13.

An expedition to the South Pole in a reconstructed whaling vessel will embark from here this week. The whaler carries a crew of 33 and the trip is financed by the government of the Falkland Islands. It will fly the flag of the Falkland Islands which are under British sovereignty.

The crew is composed entirely of Orkney Islanders who were members of the Perry and Shackleton expeditions. There is one exception, Edmund Semper of Sheffield. The whaler is named William Scores in honour of a Hull adventurer who attempted to find the South Pole and never returned.—United Press.

BISHOP EXPELLED.

DECLARES CHARGE ENTIRELY
FALSE.

New York, June 14.

The Mexican Consul-General, Arturo M. Elias, in a statement to-day charged that Monsignor Caruana, Bishop of Porto Rico and the West Indies, and papal delegate to Mexico, declared himself "a Protestant" when entering Mexico at the Nuevo Laredo immigration gate last March. The prelate was subsequently expelled by the Mexican Government.

Monsignor Caruana denied the charges made by the Consul-General, branding them as entirely false. He said the signature to his declaration at Laredo was a forgery and that the Mexican inspector wrote the questions and answers.—Associated Press.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

June 19—Queen's Theatre: "The Dixie Handicap."

June 19—Star Theatre: "The Danger Signal."

June 19—World Theatre: "The Splendid Lie."

June 19—Open Air Ballet at Lee Garden, East Point, 9.15 p.m.

June 19—Dinner dance on the roof garden of the Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m.

June 20—Queen's Theatre: William S. Hart in "Tumbleweeds."

June 21—Al fresco concert on the Viçaria tennis court, Kowloon.

Auctions.

June 23—At No. 25 Kennedy Road by Messrs. Lamert Bros. household furniture and plants in pots, 2.45 p.m.

June 24—Lamert Bros. will auction the whole furniture of St. George's House, Nos. 2 and 4 Kennedy Road, at 11 a.m.

Meetings.

June 21—Half-yearly meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club members in Jockey Club Room Hongkong Club Annex, 5.15 p.m.

June 24—Second yearly meeting of the Hongkong Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co.'s office, 11.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

June 19—Members of St. John Ambulance Brigade will give life Town and North Point bathing saving demonstrations at Kennedy beaches, 4 to 5 p.m.

June 19—Complimentary dinner to Mr. B. L. Frost, Institution of Engineers & Shipbuilders, 8 p.m.



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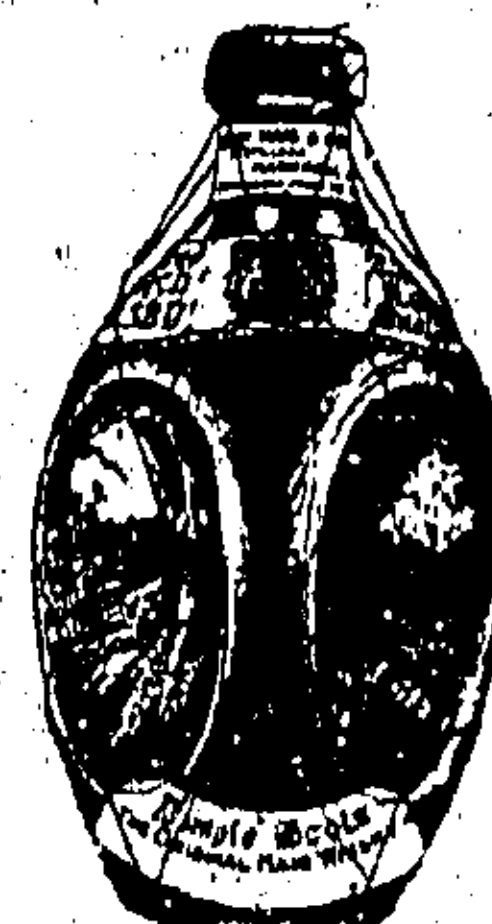
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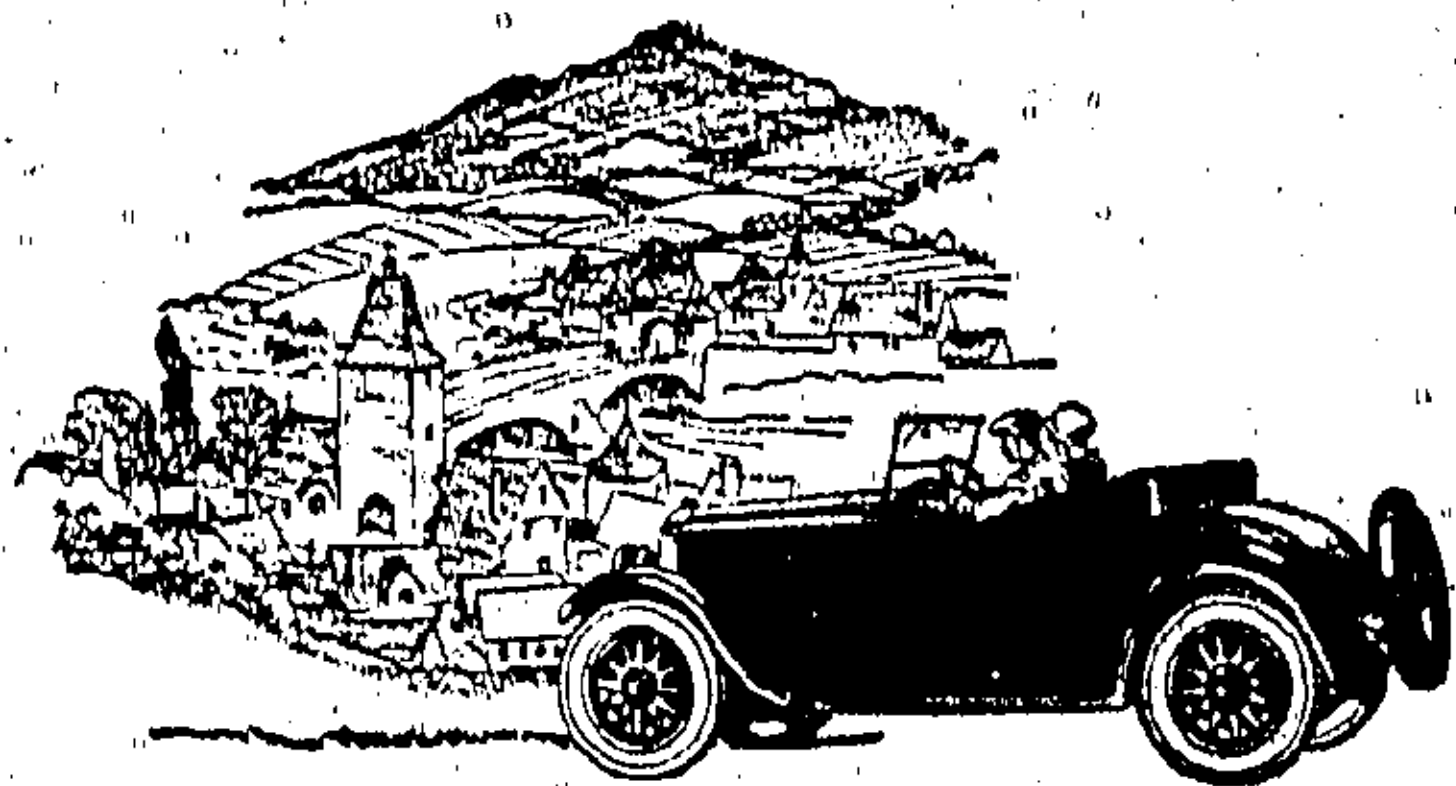
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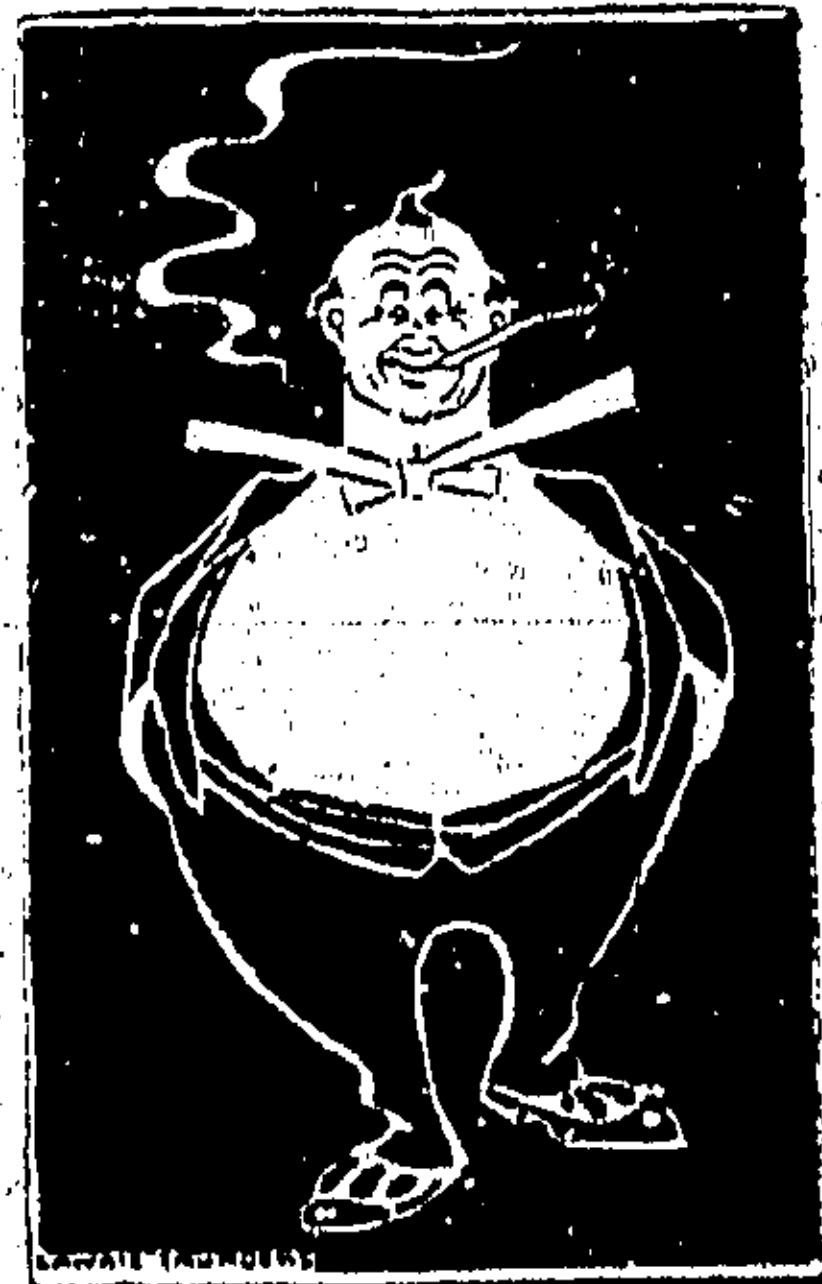
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Gen. Li Ching-lin is reported by the Chinese press to have wired to Dr. W. W. Yen, the Premier, demanding the sum of \$1,000,000 for his soldiers.

Tokyo, June 10.—It is reported that the Naval Department has decided to request the next Diet to include Yen 3,000,000 in the Budget for the next fiscal year for the purpose of placing one aeroplane on each man-of-war.

Eighty-eight houses were destroyed by fire on June 8, in Irifune-cho, Otaru. Among the houses destroyed are the factories of the Hokkaido Rubber Co. The damage is estimated at ¥120,000. The cause is being enquired into.

Hankow, June 6.—Acting upon instructions from Marshal Wu Pei-fu, who is now at Paoting-fu, Chihli province, 7,000 men of the First Mixed Brigade under command of General Chang Kuo-jung returned here yesterday from Kiangsi, where they have been stationed for some time. They will leave here for Paoting-fu by special train to-morrow morning.

Brisbane.—A steamer has reported picking up Captain Gray and his son, found floating on a raft and explained that the coastal steamer "Dorridge," bound for Thursday Island, sank off the Queensland coast and the Captain and his son clung to the raft followed by a school of sharks. The crew of 22 men are missing, they were last seen clinging to wreckage.

Washington, June 9.—Senator King of Utah submitted a minority report dealing with the President's order appointing various state and municipal officials as deputy prohibition enforcement agents at a "dollar-a-year." Senator King held that the order was illegal and a serious violation of states' rights. The judiciary committee voted to accept the majority report which stated that the President was completely within his legal rights in taking any step necessary to enforce the federal laws.

Mr. S. G. Adams of Messrs. Brunner, Mond and Co., arrived at Dairen on May 28, on the s.s. "Nanning" from Shanghai to supervise the building of their new reinforced concrete godown.

London, June 10.—Fifteen American women were presented to the king and queen to-day at the season's first royal court which was a brilliant function. Tradition was shattered by permission being granted to husbands and fathers to be present to witness the spectacle.

Madrid, June 10.—The National Board of Foreign Commerce to-day authorised the presentation of a gold medal to the Madrid-Manila aviators. It is assumed that Captain Estevez is included as well as Captain Gallarza and Loriga who completed the flight from Madrid to Manila.

The sad death of Mr. J. W. D. Andrews, representative in China for Messrs. Patons and Baldwin, Ltd., Halifax, England, woollen yarn manufacturers, took place at the Dairen Isolation Hospital on June 1. His son, who was at Shanghai at the time, was cabled for and arrived on June 4.

Mr. Franklin Lane, widow of the Secretary for the Interior in the Wilson Cabinet, arrived at Dairen on May 29, accompanied by Miss L. Prescott, Miss S. B. Thomas, and Mrs. Clarence Smith, all of San Francisco. They are on a pleasure tour of the world and were in Japan seven weeks when Japan looked at her best with clouds of cherry flowers.

A complimentary dinner is being given in honour of Mr. B. L. Frost, Past-President of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong, in the Institute rooms this evening at eight o'clock. Mr. Frost, who has been for a number of years wholeheartedly interested in the furtherance of the Institute, is going home on holiday next Saturday.

As a result of the satisfactory treatment which his son received while in the Baguio hospital, Benguet, P. I. recently, Leopold Kahn, prominent businessman of Manila, has donated an ambulance, fully equipped, to the Philippine Health Service for the Baguio hospital. The hospital has long been severely handicapped through the lack of an ambulance, and was not able to purchase one owing to lack of funds.

"The Dixie Handicap," on for the last day, at the Queen's Theatre at all shows to-day, has been proving very popular.

Between 4 and 5 p.m., to-day, the St. John Ambulance Brigade will give the second of two life-saving demonstrations at North Point bathing beach. The first was held a week ago.

Manila, June 12.—About 150 more constabulary soldiers are needed by General Crame to be sent to Visayas, Mindanao and various parts of Luzon to replace those who have already completed their enlistment term. Young men in good health and intelligent are preferred.

Honolulu, May 6.—Fifty thousand Filipinos now are residents of the territory of Hawaii, it is estimated by The Torch, official paper of the Rizal pioneers. More than half of them are from the two northernmost provinces of Luzon, Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur, while most of the others are from islands in the Visayan group.

Hermosillo, Mexico, June 11.—Blanca Rechy, a French adventuress, and Manuel Trama, alleged slayer of General Angel Flores, statesman and presidential candidate at the last election, were arrested to-day and pleaded innocence of the charge of poisoning General Flores. They are to be given an early hearing and will be returned to Culiacan where General Flores died.

Oran, June 10.—Polygamy threatens to wreck the postal service of Algeria. When the French took over Algeria, they agreed to allow the native Algerians to follow the rules of the Koran and take as many wives as they please. They also allowed native Algerians to take places in the Government service. Recently the Post Office department granted all postal employees a temporary subsidy to meet the increased cost of living, allowing each employee a certain sum for his wife and children. Certain employees of the Oran post-office have five wives with an average of four children each. Their salary now doubles that of the postmaster himself and the Government is seeking a way out.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.



Anthony J. Drexel, the younger, son of a famous Philadelphia society family, was acquitted of charges of selling moving picture stock not authorised by the charter of the company.

Weather permitting, the open air ballet at the Lee Garden, East Point, by the Mura Ship Art Co. will continue during the week-end.

Those interested are reminded of the grand all-fresco concert in St. Andrew's Vicarage grounds, at 9 p.m., on Monday. Proceeds are for local Diocesan needs and for St. Peter's Church repair fund. As stated, the programme will be provided by the 1/1st East Surrey Band, with vocal items. It is hoped that 1,000 tickets will be sold and that both the weather and response will be favourable.

Knoxville, Tenn., May 14.—Archaeologists are now producing records thousands of years old which slowly but surely are authenticating each Bible character, according to Bishop H. M. DuBoise, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Bishop DuBoise told an audience here that he will sail on June 4 for the Holy Land, where he will join a group of noted authorities who are to excavate the ruins of Saccodem. "The golden armour of Joseph has already been found, and many other Biblical declarations are rapidly being authoritatively proven by the archaeologist," the Bishop said.

An American film firm has announced its intention of building studios at St. Kilda with the possibility of making Melbourne another Hollywood.

Princeton, N.J., June 9.—The police used tear bombs to-day in an attempt to disperse 2,000 rioting students who returned to their dormitories only after two of their comrades who had been arrested were released to the custody of the University dean. The affair was the outgrowth of a post-examination celebration.

The system followed during recent years in the management and training of the Philippine constabulary which tries to make the constabularyman a soldier instead of the insular police officer that he was originally intended to be is responsible for many recent troubles in the constabulary organisation such as those in San Fernando, Pampanga, last month and in Intramuros in 1920.

Kidnapping in Peking has again become very common the past few days. The victims are mostly young students. One Mr. Wu Yueh-chuan has inserted an advertisement in the Chinese press offering reward to those who can find the whereabouts of his son, fourteen years of age, who was missing a few days ago on his way to the Tenth Primary School, Paotsechieh, Hsiazu Railway.

Manila, June 12.—With a view to forcing President Coolidge's hand on the Philippine question and, at the same time, awakening the conscience of America to the fact that the Filipino people want immediate independence really and truly, the passage of the plebiscite bill over the veto of Governor General Wood is urged by Charles Edward Russell in a letter received here recently by Dean Maximo Kalaw. Mr. Russell says that nothing that the Filipinos could do would bring home to the American people the great desire of the Filipinos for independence as strongly as the passage of the bill by two-thirds vote of both houses of the legislature.

Mr. W. P. Flynn, who for the last few years has had the title of Financial Adviser to the Court of Directors, has ceased to be in the employ of the Chartered Company.

Miss Fraser left England on May 21, by s.s. "Kashmir" in order to pay a visit to her brother, His Excellency the Officer, Administering the Government of British North Borneo.

His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased to appoint, provisionally, Mr. Arnold Savage Bailey to serve temporarily as a Member of the Federal Council from June 1.

Mr. W. G. Johnson, Adviser to the Ministry of Public Instruction, Siam, has broken his long active association with the Government service as from June 1. Mr. Johnson first arrived in Siam to join the service on August 5, 1894, when he was twenty-three years of age.

Madras, May 29.—In-favourable, sunny, weather Viscount Goschen opened on Friday afternoon the fifteenth Pony and Cattle Show, at Tiruppur, in the presence of a large number of ryots. His Excellency was presented with an address of welcome by the Municipality, after which the Show and Exhibition was declared open.

It is reassuring to learn from a cable received from Sydney that the operation for which Mr. W. B. Stephens, of Ayer Kuning estate, recently went to Australia, has been entirely successful, and Mr. Stephens is on the road to recovery, says the "Times of Malaya." Mr. Stephens was the genial hon. secretary of Taiping New Club for two years before he left for his operation and his friends will be glad to hear of his improved health.

Vienna, June 5.—The beautiful Baroness Klinger committed suicide to-day by shooting herself with a pistol at her castle in Lower Austria. Her suicide was due to domestic troubles. It is reported that the Russian prince, Cyril, Vladimir, shot Baron Klinger while hunting in the woods. Baron Klinger objected to the baronets. Baron Klinger is supposed to have fired at Prince Vladimir, wounding him in the arm. Baron Klinger's lung was pierced.

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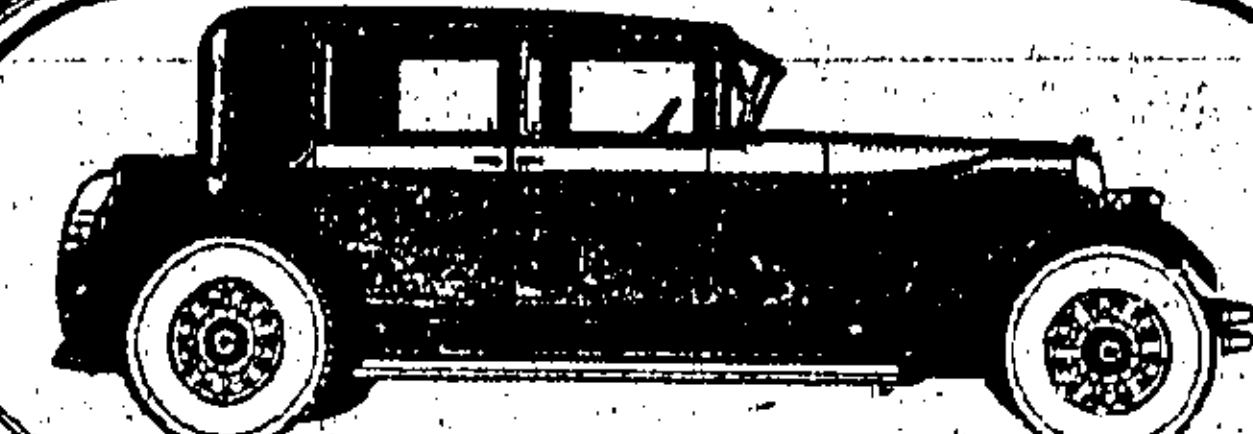
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At Sheffield, on the third day of the return match between Yorkshire and the Australians, there was no play on account of rain and the game was abandoned. (The first match was also left drawn).

Note: There was also no play on the first day. On Thursday, the Australians scored 143 runs for 6 wickets (anarchy 54).

Surrey v. Cantabs.

At the Oval, Surrey drew with Cambridge University. Scores:—

Cambridge, (1st) 25 runs. H. J. Entwistle made 65, and K. G. H. Lowe 80.

Surrey (1st) 453 runs. Hobbs made 108, Sandham 139.—Reuter.

COUNTY MATCHES.

Small scores prevailed in the county championship matches. In the results will be found the Essex v. Somerset match in which, when play closed, Essex had "tied" with a wicket to fall.

Northants v. Notts.

At Northampton, Northamptonshire lost to Notts by 115 runs, after leading by 22 runs on the first innings. Scores:—

Notts (1st) 148 runs.

Northants (1st) 170 runs.

Notts (2nd) 254 runs.

Northants (2nd) 97 runs.

Warwick v. Glamorgan.

At Birmingham, Warwick lost to Glamorgan by an innings and 10 runs. Scores:—

Warwick (1st) 100 runs.

Mersey took 5 wickets for 38 runs and Ryan 5 for 47.

Glamorgan (1st) 339 runs.

Bell made 102, Bates 73, T. Arnold 51.

Warwick (2nd) 229 runs.

Essex v. Somerset.

At Chelmsford, Essex lost first innings points to Somerset in an uncompleted match. Scores:—

Somerset (1st) 208 runs.

J. C. W. MacBryan made 80.

Essex (1st) 178 runs.

Somerset (2nd) 107 runs.

L. C. Eastman took 6 for 59.

Essex (2nd) 137 runs for 9 wickets.

J. J. Bridges took 5 for 33.

[This must be a unique instance in first-class cricket. It will be seen that each side scored 315 runs. Essex were level, with one wicket in hand, when stumps were drawn. This is not a "draw" in the sense of the rules of the county championship. Where a definite result is not reached, the side leading on the first innings gets 3 points and their opponents 1. In a tie, the (4) points are divided. Accordingly, although Reuter credits Somerset with 1st innings points, it seems better to treat the result as a tie, pending further information by mail.]

Kent v. Sussex.

At Chelmsford, Essex lost first innings points to Sussex in an uncompleted match. Scores:—

Sussex (1st) 214 runs.

Tate made 79.

Kent (1st) 167 runs.

Cox took 5 for 31.

Sussex (2nd) 45 runs for no wicket.

Lancs v. Gloucester.

At Manchester, Lancashire beat Gloucester by 138 runs. Scores:—

Lancs (1st) 178 runs.

Gloucester (1st) 145 runs.

Tyldesley (R.) took 5 for 49.

Lancs (2nd) 203 runs.

Tyldesley (R.) made 68.

Gloucester (2nd) 98 runs.

Tyldesley (R.) took 4 for 34.

Leicester v. Worcester.

At Leicester, Leicestershire lost to Worcestershire by 146 runs. Scores:—

Worcester (1st) 229 runs.

M. K. Foster made 58.

Leicestershire (1st) 137 runs.

Root took 5 for 24.

Worcester (2nd) 160 runs.

Leicestershire (2nd) 96 runs.

Root took 6 for 27.—Reuter.

The county championship table (excluding the match Derby v. Glamorgan, on May 29, not cabled) now stands:—

Pld.	Won	Lst.	Tie	Won	Lst.	Pos.	Pts.	No.
				Ins.	1 Ins.	Pts.	Obtd.	Rst.
Yorkshire	11	7	0	0	2	1	45	41
Lancashire	13	6	1	0	3	0	50	39
Glamorgan	7	3	1	0	0	0	26	15
Middlesex	7	4	0	0	0	2	30	22
Hants	10	4	1	0	2	2	45	28
Notts	10	4	1	0	2	2	45	28
Kent	9	3	0	0	2	4	45	25
Surrey	11	2	3	0	2	1	40	17
Sussex	11	3	4	0	2	2	55	23
Leicestershire	2	4	0	1	1	1	40	14
Somerset	9	1	3	1	2	1	40	14
Gloucester	11	3	0	0	0	1	50	16
Worcester	13	2	4	0	0	2	40	12
Essex	12	1	5	1	2	2	55	15
Warwickshire	10	0	5	1	3	1	40	10
Derbyshire	7	0	2	0	1	3	30	6
Northants	8	0	6	0	1	1	40	4

WIGHTMAN CUP.

AMERICA BEATS BRITAIN
AT TENNIS.

THE LADIES' MATCH.

London, June 18.

Play in the Wightman Cup

(ladies' lawn tennis, Britain v. America) continued to-day.

(The first day's play was restricted by rain, each side winning a singles match).

Mrs. Jessup and Miss Goss

(America) beat Mrs. Lambert

Chalmers and Mrs. Shephard

Baron 6-4, 6-2.

Mrs. Joan Fry (Britain) beat

Miss Browne 3-6, 6-0, 6-1.

Mrs. L. A. Godfree (formerly

Miss Kitty McKane) of Britain

beat Miss Ryan 6-1, 6-7, 6-4.

Mrs. Jessup (America) beat

Mrs. Shephard, Baron 6-1, 6-7,

6-4.

Miss Ryan and Miss Browne

(America) beat Mrs. Godfree and

Miss Colyer 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

America thus won by three

events to four.

Men's Tournament.

London, June 18.

At Eastbourne, in the Britain v.

America men's international

tournament:—

Howard Kinsley (America)

beat O. G. N. Turnbull 6-2, 1-6,

6-3, 6-3.

Vincent Richards (America)

beat H. W. Austin 6-2, 6-1, 6-1.

—Reuter.

GOLF IN CHURCH.

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Willesley, June 11.

Stained glass windows contain-

ing figures of golfers and a view

of the local golf are now in the

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The Rev. A. E. Roscamp for

two years has held a short early

service each Sunday for golfers to

attend so that they could then go

on the links for their game. This

has been so appreciated by players

that they subscribed for and had

the windows put in.

The windows were put in only a

short time ago and now the Rev.

Mr. Roscamp is finding his early

morning congregation increasing

by leaps and bounds on each suc-

cessive Sunday. The idea is gain-

ing hold in certain parts of

England.—"China Press."

HOME POLO NOTES.

London, May 29.

Hurlingham:—In the Whitley

Cup polo final, the 17/21st Lancers

(receive 7½) beat Hurricanes by

9½ goals to 7.

London, May 30.

Ranelagh:—In the "Eugenos

Aires Cup final, Whacombe (re-

ceive 4½) beat Lapampa by 9½

goals to 8.

The "Observer" says that the

Hurlingham Polo committee has

decided that next year's challenge

for the Westchester Cup be made

by the Indian Army team repre-

senting Hurlingham.

CHILDREN, ½ PRICE!

Paris, June 11.

Officials at the Longchamp race

track hereafter will admit chil-

dren according to size, not age.

At the entrance to the pad-

dock is a post upon which two

marks are painted, one being

thirty-nine inches from the

ground, the other fifty-eight

inches. Arriving with their par-

ents, each child is gauged by these

marks. Those under thirty-nine

inches enter free; those standing

between the two marks will be en-

titled to half the admission fee,

and big boys and girls otherwise

will pay the full price.—"China

Press."

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MITCHELL 4 UP AT END
OF FIRST DAY.

PLAY IN DETAIL.

London, June 18.

The greatest stake money, match

in the history of golf, opened at

Wentworth this morning, when

Walter Hagen and Abe Mitchell met

over 72 holes, for a \$1,000 match,

the outcome of a challenge by

"Golf Illustrated", on behalf of

Mitchell, \$500-a-side.

The second half will be decided

to-morrow, at Weybridge.

The contestants were all square

at the ninth hole to-day.

Mitchell was three up at the end

of the first round.—Reuter.

Later.

Mitchell was four up at the end

of 36 holes.

The American took the lead at

the 6th hole but Mitchell squared

at the next and took the lead at

the 8th.

Hagen won the 9th, thus turning

all square.

Four "halves" followed. Mitchell

won the 14th, halved the 15th, won

the 16th and 17th, halved the 18th.

Mitchell won the 1st in the after-

noon, halved the 2nd, won the 3rd,

halved the 4th, picked up his ball

at the 5th and was only four up,

but recovered his lead at the 9th,

turning five up.

Hagen, by winning the 10th and

14th, reduced the deficit to three,

but after "halves" to the 18th,

where Hagen was water-logged in a

bunker, Mitchell finished the day

four up.—Reuter.

TENNIS FORM.

FILIPINOS' CHANCES IN THE

STATES.

EXPERTS' PREDICTIONS.

San Francisco, June 11.

Robert Kinsey, who with his

brother was national doubles

champion in 1924 and national clay

court doubles champion in 1923 and

1924, declared to-day that Francisco

Aragon, one of the Filipino Davis

Cup players, ought to defeat Ray

Casey in the Pacific Coast tennis

tournament on Saturday.

Kinsey said that Francisco was

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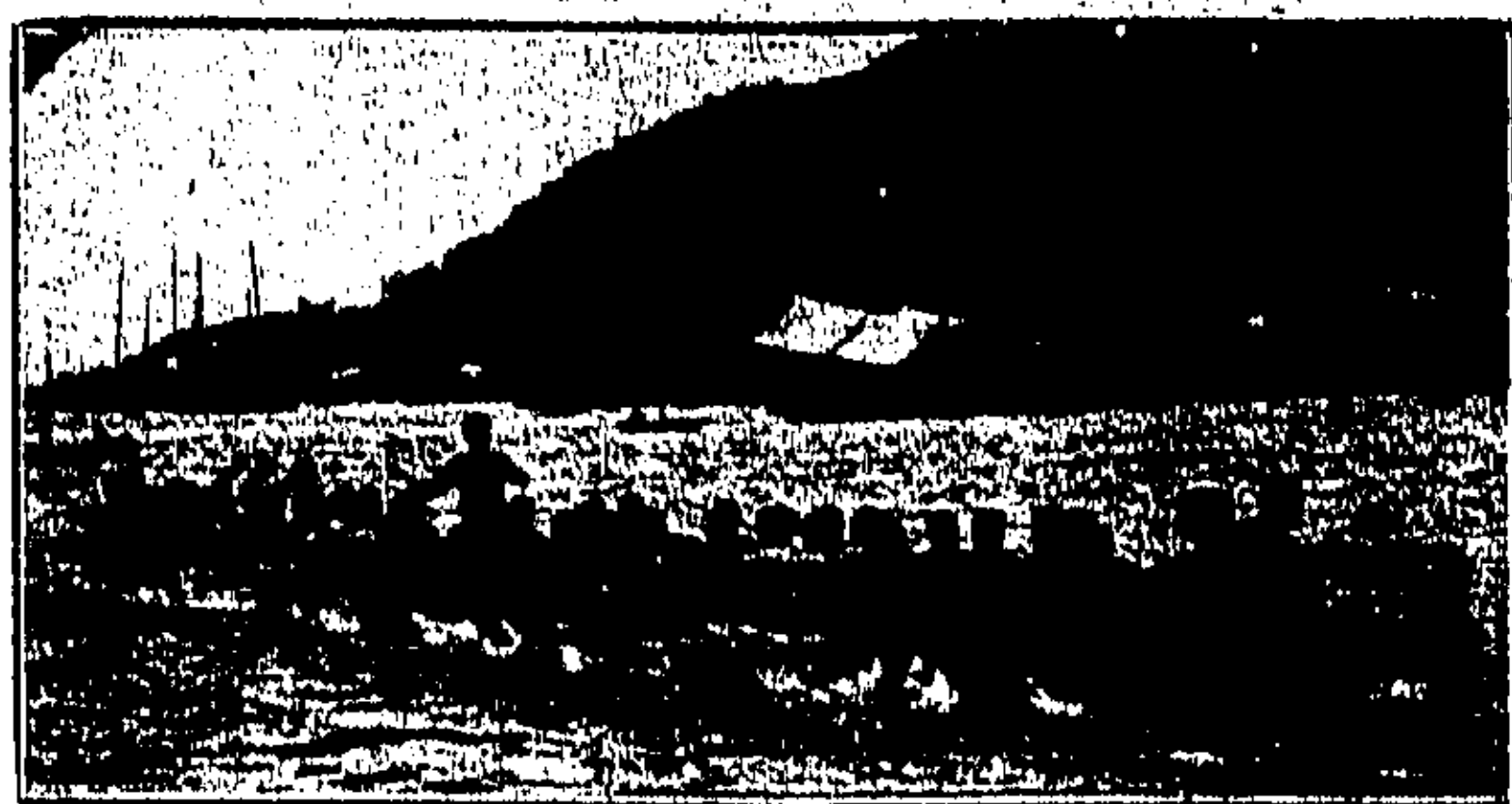
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Above are snapshots taken in the eastern part of Hongkong harbour on Monday, when the Dragon Boat Festival was observed. On the left is seen one of the dragon boats—replete with the captain beating time and its dragon's head—going along in style (note the splash). On the right two boats are racing "neck-and-neck."

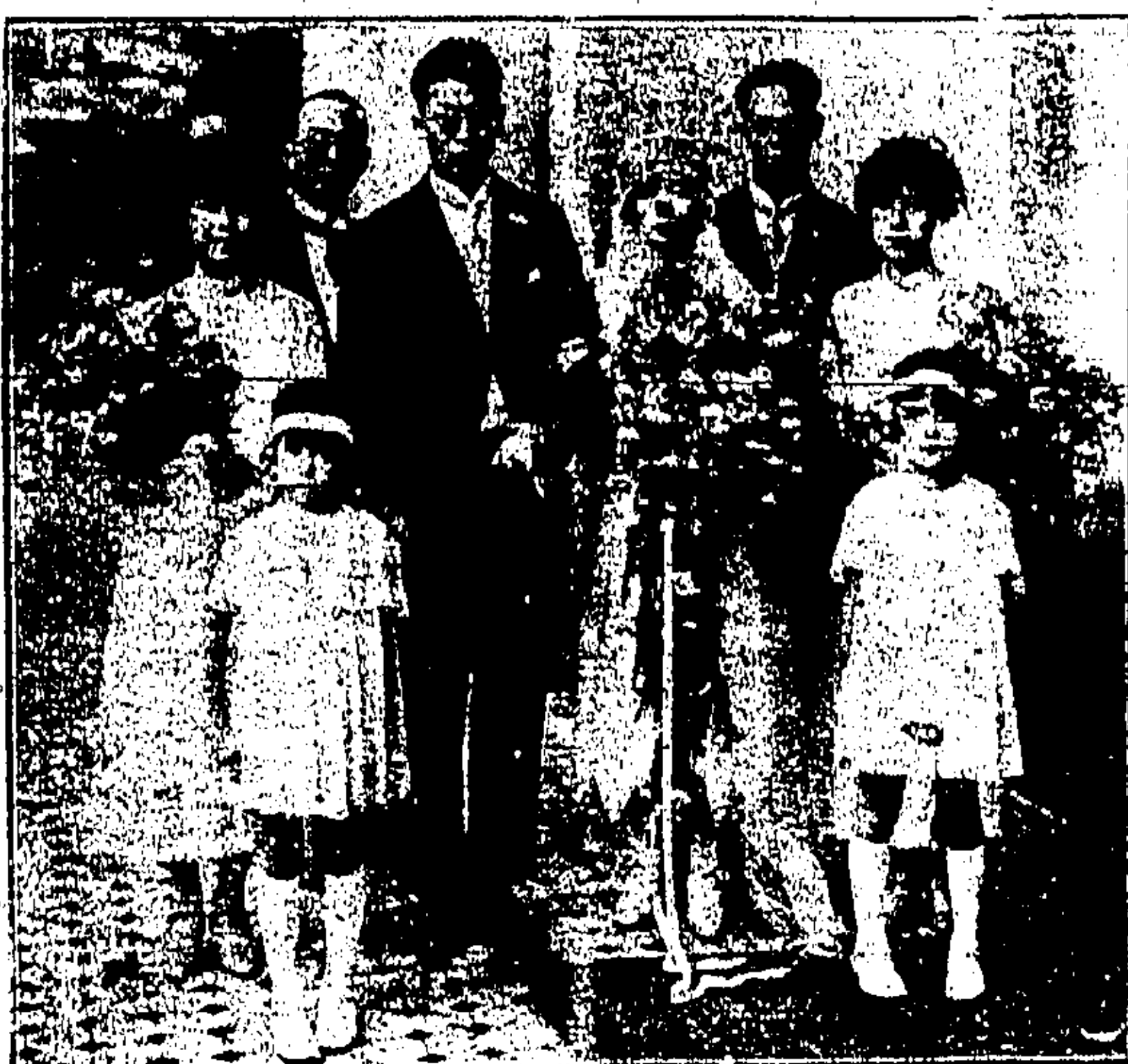


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Group photo taken outside the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Wednesday, after the wedding of Dr. Cheah Kong-sing of Penang, and Miss Lily Louisa Tvan Tze-soon. Dr. K. C. Cheng (uncle) gave the bride away. The Misses Tvan Tze-chiao and Tvan Tze-kien (younger sisters) were bridesmaids. The Misses Margaret and Cecilia Leung were flower-girls. Mr. Khoo Keng-tay was "best man" (all seen in above group).



Photo by Lee Fong.

Bishop Valtorta (centre, in rear row) proceeding to the Thanksgiving Service at the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, after his consecration as Vicar-Apostolic of Hongkong.



Photo by A Fong.

The group of distinguished personages assembled on the stage of the Theatre Royal on Monday when the Catholic community held a reception in honour of the new Bishop and presented addresses in eleven languages. H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) is the centre figure, in front, with his back to the camera. To the left (also in front row), the new Bishop is standing behind the small table on which was put the box containing the addresses.



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Bishop Valtorta (right) chatting with Bishop da Costa Nunes of Macao.



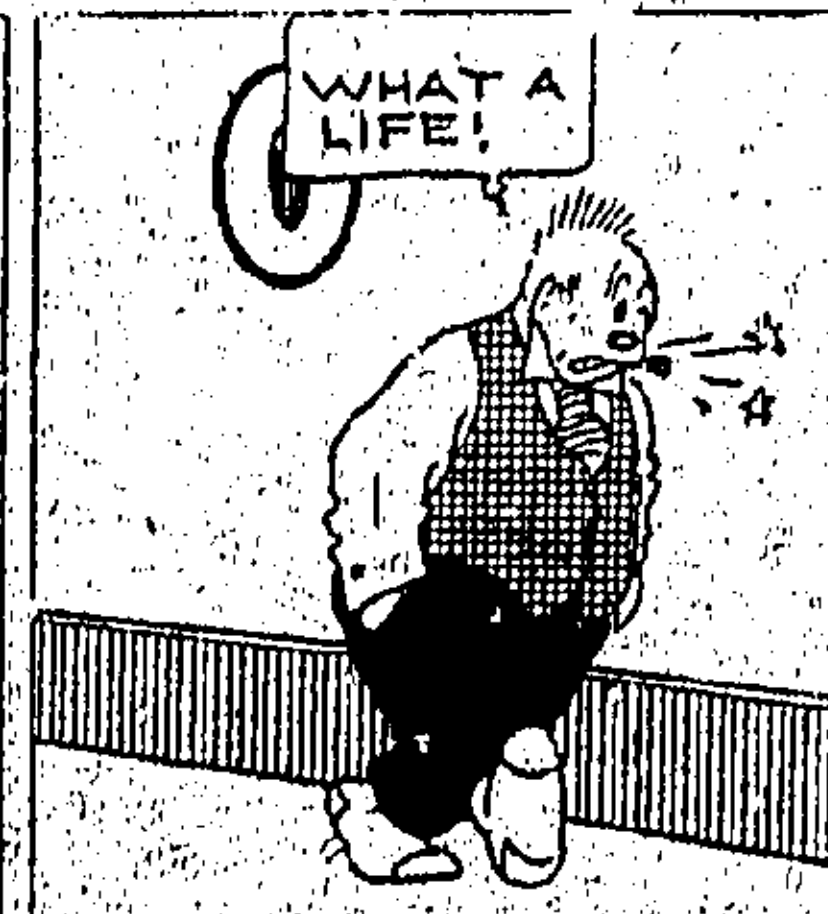
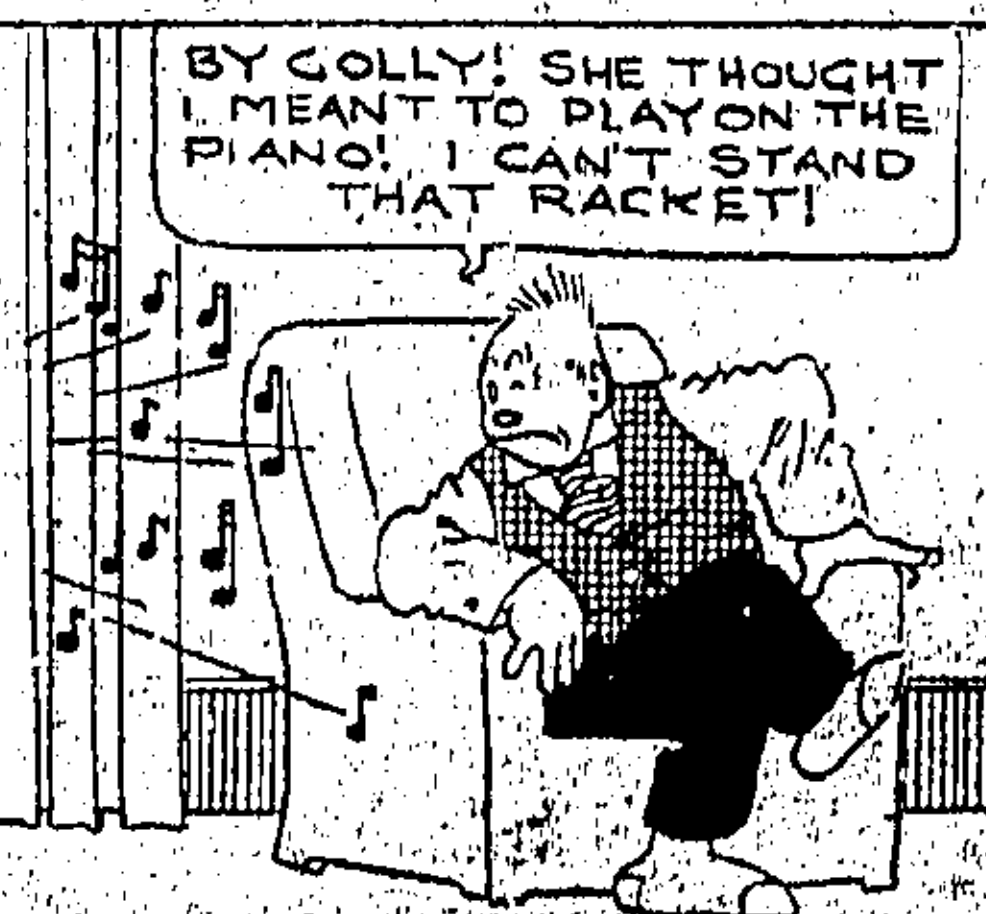
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Group photo of the local Catholic clergy (and a few friends) taken outside the Cathedral entrance last Sunday. Comdr. S. Carrara (Italian Consul) is the figure in light suit, in the front row. Next to him (towards the centre) are: the new Bishop; Archbishop C. Costantini, Papal delegate at Peking; the Bishop of Macao; and Bishop Fourquet of Canton. On the Consul's other side is the Rev. Fr. G. M. Spada, pro-Vicar Apostolic, Hongkong.

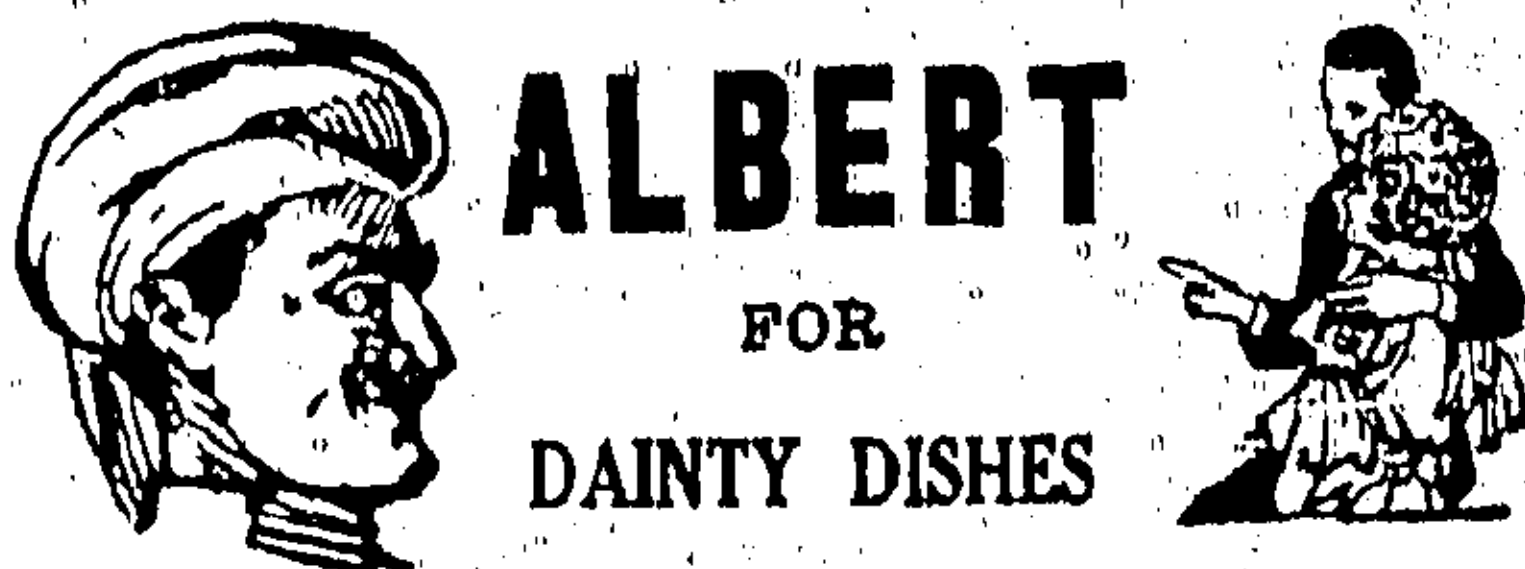
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PRaise OR BLAME? TOO READY TO FIND FAULT.

Bertrand Russell, writing in the April number of "Harper's Magazine" on "What Shall We Educate For?" and while discussing sensitiveness, says, "The first step, which most children take at the age of about five months, is to pass beyond mere pleasures of sensation, such as food and warmth, to the pleasures of social approbation. This pleasure... develops very rapidly: every child loves praise and hates blame. Usually the wish to be thought well of remains one of the dominant motives throughout life."

A few weeks ago I was reading through a short story written by a boy of eleven. It was the story of a Scout who had done a brave deed, and it ended thus:—"Next morning after prayers the headmaster read out the complaints, and John was given a reward; and everybody cheered him very loudly because of his brave deed." The word "complaints" brought me up sharply. It was indeed depressing to learn that the general tone of the remarks made after prayers by that boy's headmaster was so querulous as to produce in his mind the idea that the words "notices" and "complaints" were synonymous. As a matter of purely parochial interest I was relieved to remember that the boy was in his first term at our school.

Every Child Loves Praise.
Some of us schoolmasters are, I am afraid, only too often experts in complaining, in finding fault and in awarding blame. We can criticise and pick holes with a fluency that must surely make us blush if ever we pause to consider it. I know more than one man who, once he is fairly launched upon a righteous condemnation of some childish malpractice, can hardly allow himself time to take breath. I have found myself, times without number, I fear, developing a command of language that would gain the notoriety on a public platform—and all to lash some infinitely trifling peccadillo. To my shame and confusion I have found myself blushing and stammering when I attempted generously to let myself go in wholehearted praise of some good deed or work.

Every child loves praise and hates blame. And now that the child is at last the vital centre of education, now that child study is a science worthy of the name, and not merely an excuse for sentimental theorising, cannot we realise the significance of these words in our teaching practice? Why should not the child have the praise it so loves and which we at present deal out in such niggardly measure? It would grow insufferably conceited if we praised it too much? Granted; but what is it growing while we praise it too little? And what is the effect of the all-too-ready flow of blame that it receives from us? Surely we know by now how much praise and how much blame is good for a child? And, for my part, I would far rather a child had a thoroughly good opinion of itself, if that opinion were based on adequate grounds (and surely the teacher's opinion can be considered as such), than that it should manifest a self-deprecatory, self-distrustful attitude that prevented it from attempting anything because it doubted its ability. Said a little boy to me the other day, "I know I'm a bad reader, sir. I can't help it." He was quite resigned to the fact—and he was only nine years old. Moreover, he was not a bad reader; he had in him the makings of a very good reader, if only he could be brought to realise the fact. But, in the earliest stages of learning to read, some inexperienced or inefficient teacher, impatient at his slowness, had convinced him that he was bad. My trouble with him is, and will be, not to teach him to read well, but to inspire him with the belief that he can read well.

Improving Standard of Work.
The instructions for using tests for the measurement of intelligence are full of the need for praising

the child under examination. I quote from Professor Terman's "The Measurement of Intelligence," page 125:—"Nothing contributes more to a satisfactory report than praise of the child's efforts."

An error is always to be passed by without comment, unless it is painfully evident to the child himself, in which case the examiner will do well to make some excuse for it; e.g., "You are not quite old enough to answer questions like that one, but, never mind, you are doing beautifully, etc." Exclamations like "fine!" "splendid!" etc., should be used lavishly. Almost any innocent deception is permissible which keeps the child interested, confident, and at his best level of effort."

I am not suggesting by the use of this quotation that in the class-room "an error is always to be passed by without comment;" I am suggesting that if such methods keep the child "interested, confident, and at his best level of effort," then the standard of work in many schools might almost immediately be improved 100 per cent. If all the teachers therein took a vow to cut down their allowance of blame and complaint and to substitute a generous meed of praise, we all know the value in our own cases of an encouraging word, the disheartening effect of even merited blame. Why should we suppose children to be less sensitive?

This article forms Chapter 2 of Bertrand Russell's book "On Education."

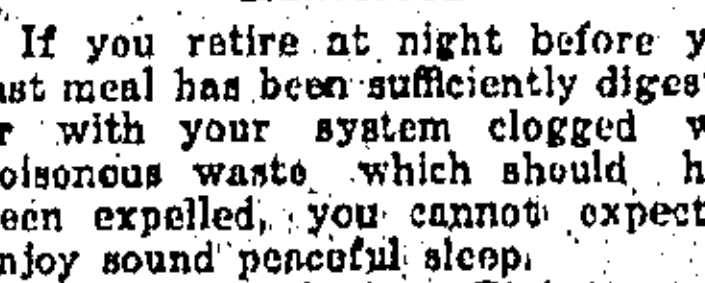
ECHO OF CALCUTTA RIOTS.

Calcutta, May 30.—An echo of the recent communal riots was heard this evening simultaneously in two places in Calcutta, at one of which the Mohammedans passed a vote of confidence, in the Moslem Deputy-Mayor of Calcutta, whose resignation the Hindu Councillors and Aldermen, supported by their European colleagues, recently demanded in view of his conduct during the recent riots. One speaker declared that if the Hindus tried to destroy Islam, Moslems would know what action to take. A Hindu meeting, composed of Marwari merchants, urged the Government to issue licences for firearms to the more respectable inhabitants in the Burra Bazar, which was the most affected in the riots.

Recently one of the London magistrates had before him a married couple who said they thought it better for them to part. The husband took the story. He mentioned that his wife came from Knightsbridge, "I threw a shilling on the table," he told the magistrate, "and told her she had better go to help or back to Knightsbridge."

The magistrate turned to the wife, "Did you follow his advice?" he asked. "And which destination did you choose?"

"Well," she replied, "he only gave me a shilling. I couldn't go farther than Knightsbridge with that."



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END OF THE WORLD. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY ADVANCED.

Washington, June 7.—Eventual end of the world in a smashup of the solar system with the constellation Draco, has been advanced as a possibility by Dr. Dayton C. Miller, Cleveland scientist.

Dr. Miller claimed the speed of the earth and the rest of the solar system in its ride through space toward the dragon, which is destined to destroy the world, exceeds 200 kilometres a second. The new theory, Dr. Miller explained to a group of fellow scientists at the Bureau of Standards, is based on the ether-drift experiments performed during the past year at Mount Wilson observatory, in California.

He enlarged upon the Michelson-Morley light experiments in Cleveland in 1905 which formed the basis of the Einstein theory, which Dr. Miller rejects outright.

Either that exists outside the atmosphere, in a celestial space, is a fluid like water and is not stagnant as was previously supposed, he maintained. The reason the drift is so slight at the surface of the earth is that a "drag" exists, the same as that trailing a ship in motion through the water, Dr. Miller explained.

At Mount Wilson the "drag" was less than was observed at Cleveland and he said showing by calculation the real speed of the solar system is at least 200 kilometres a second.

On Mount Wilson the speed with the "drag" accompanying the earth was but nine kilometres a second.

SHANGHAI WEATHER.

The driest season in 34 years is the present record established in Shanghai weather annuals. Since 1892 there has not been an opening five-month period of a year so dry as in 1926. The normal rainfall, as disclosed by the Siceawei Observatory statistics, is 476 millimetres of rain up to the end of May; from January 1 to May 31 inclusive. Instead of that amount, the spring season of 1926 has recorded only 291 millimetres. These figures were given out on June 7 by Siceawei Observatory. Since 1892 there have been several dry years, notably 1917. But the present year overtops all previous drought records. May set a record for meagre rainfall, registering but two-thirds of the normal fall with 64 millimetres instead of 94, the normal precipitation for the month. And the present month of June acts, so far, as though it also will conclude with a minimum amount of moisture. Just 190 millimetres is the normal fall for June and to date, through the first seven days of the month, but 20 millimetres have fallen. The comparative table of rainfall to date, by months, is as follows: January .34 inches instead of a normal of 1.36 inches; February 1.10 inches instead of 2.32; March, 2.20 instead of 3.27; April, 2.18 instead of 3.67. The coldest day of the year was on January 31 with a temperature of 29.9 degrees Fahrenheit. The warmest was May 27, with a temperature of 88.9 degrees.

An important compulsory pilotage case was heard in the King's Bench Division a few weeks ago when the Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Shearman, and Mr. Justice Roche dismissed two appeals by the master of the Danish s.s. "Dronning Maud" from convictions by the Harwich magistrates under the Pilotage Act. It was alleged that on two occasions in July and August last year the vessel was not under pilotage and that signals by a Trinity House licensed pilot were ignored, the defence being that the signals could not be seen. The Lord Chief Justice expressed the view of the Court that on the days referred to the steamer deliberately avoided the pilot signals and that the insincerity of the appeals amounted almost to impudently.

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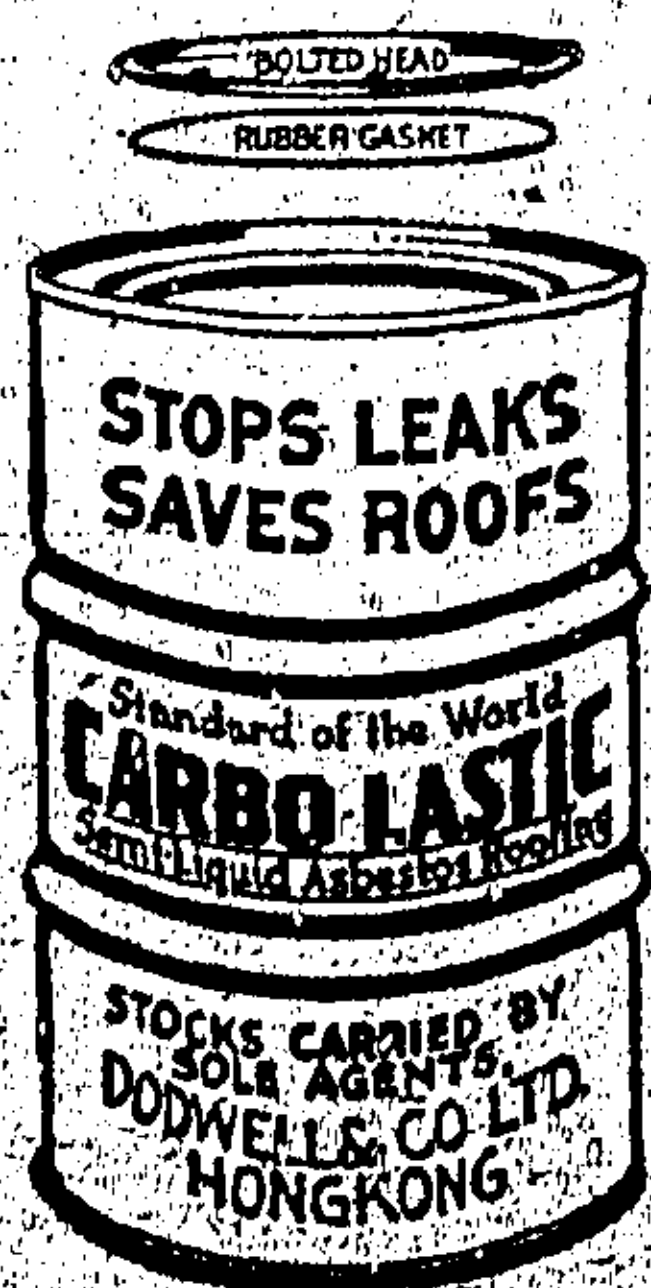


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